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Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! to Everybody.

STRONG PRESSURE ON THE HOUSE.

Many Interests Pleading for a Protective Tariff.

HARD TO DRAW THE LINE.

Difficult Task Set Before Chairman Dingley and the Ways and Means Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Much pressure has been brought to bear upon Chairman Dingley and members of the Ways and Means Committee to-day by members of the House and business men who have come to Washington to persuade them to broaden the scope of the tariff advances in their proposed revenue bill, and to include other articles which have not been considered. They are invariably told that the bill is not intended as a measure of tariff revision; that it is an emergency bill to secure needed revenue, and that there is neither time nor inclination to go deeply into the tariff question. There is a strong movement, however, that may possibly prove successful, to have the schedule of agricultural products raised from the contemplated rate of 25 per cent more than the Wilson bill rates to 60 per cent of the McKinley rates, placing the schedule on the same basis with wool and lumber.

The announcement of the committee's plan by the Associated Press has caused the movement for a Republican caucus on the bill which was pushed by Western members to be nearly abandoned. The separation of the tariff and bond features of the plan will give the silver Republicans an opportunity to place themselves on record by voting against the bond bill and this together with the proposed advance of tariff rates on lumber, agricultural products and live stock practically satisfies their desires. The full Ways and Means Committee held a formal meeting and adopted a resolution to have the President's annual message printed in mere routine matter. This afternoon, however, the Republican members have another conference on the tariff bill.

When the House met to-day the attendance was small.

On motion of Mr. Dingley (Rep.) of Maine a resolution for the distribution and reference of the President's message to the committees having jurisdiction on the subjects dealt with, was adopted after a short but ineffectual effort by Mr. Lacey (Rep.) of Iowa to have the portion relating to the Nicaraguan Canal to go to the Committee on Railways and Canals instead of Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Chairman Hepburn of the latter committee saying that the jurisdiction of the Committee on Railways and Canals was confined to canals within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

ARMS FOR MILITIA.

Senator Hawley Thinks They Should Have Springfield Rifles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Rev. Mr. Millburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate, in an eloquent prayer on the Christmas season, made passing allusion to current public events by invoking peace and goodwill among the nations of the earth.

On motion of Mr. Allison (Rep.) Iowa, the Senate agreed that when adjournment be taken it be until Friday.

Presenting a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to issue Springfield rifles to State military organizations in exchange for old guns, Mr. Hawley (Rep.), Connecticut, said: "In order that this shall not be construed so as to add to the war scare, I will say it is merely a question of business. Many of the guns in use by State troops are of antiquated pattern. By the adoption of the Kragg-Jorgensen gun—which I think was a mistake—the War Department has on hand a large supply of good Springfield rifles, and the National Guards should have them in exchange for the worthless arms."

Mr. Squire (Rep.), Washington, spoke against the injustice of employing foreign engineers on American ships receiving subsidies from the United States Government and offered a bill to overcome the practice.

The project of a Pan-American political union, embracing North, South and Central American republics, was presented by Mr. Allen (Pop. Nebraska) in the following resolution:

Whereas, Recent events have shown that European nations are making an aggressive attempt to obtain a greater foothold on the American continent, and

Whereas, Such an attempt shows the necessity of a closer union of the American republics,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States of America should speedily as possible invite all American republics to enter into a closer union, to be known as the Pan-American union, for the purpose of promoting the general industrial and commercial welfare of the members thereof, and secure said republics from European or other foreign encroachments.

The resolution closed with a suggestion for a common unit of value between the Republics of America. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Hill (Dem.) of New York again sought to secure the passage of the bill repealing the old proscriptive laws against the enlistment of ex-Confederates in the United States Army and navy.

"It would be a most fitting and generous Christmas present to men of the South," said Mr. Hill. Mr. Sherman (Rep.) of Ohio suggested that there should be committee consideration. "I will vote for this bill," said Mr. Sherman. "The time is past for such discrimination."

THE STOCK MARKETS.

Firm and Higher, Without Any Trace of the Recent Panic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The stock market opened firm and higher on moderate dealings. London cables reported speculation there as being irregular. The local trading at 10:15 was of a buoyant character and heavy purchases of the leading shares were being made. Leather preferred was up 1⅜ per cent and Sugar 1⅛. The Grangers and other prominent railroad stocks showed appreciations of about a point.

The trend of prices continued upward until 10:30. In the meantime Consolidated Gas had improved 2¾ per cent, Chicago Gas 2¼ and Delaware & Hudson and Michigan Central 2 per cent. An advance in the posted quotations for Sterling exchange to 489 and 491 by a leading drawer, coupled with sales to take profits, caused a drop in Chicago Gas of 1¼ per cent, Lake Shore, L. & N. and Leather preferred 1, Sugar ⅞, and Tobacco, Manhattan and Burlington ⅝ per cent. The pressure to sell soon abated.

The market at 11 o'clock was quiet, but ruling close to the top prices.

Speculation continued strong after 11 o'clock, and a buoyant tone was imparted to the market by the appearance on the board of heavy buyers. Sugar was the feature of the dealings, and on large transactions rose 2⅝ per cent to 99. All offers of the Grangers and International stocks were readily absorbed at advancing figures. The foreign buying was in good volume. The commission houses report that buying orders are numerous. Advances on last night's closing prices ranged up to 3½ per cent, the latter in Consolidated Gas. At midday Chicago Gas was up 2¼, Michigan Central and Delaware and Hudson 2, L. & N. 1⅞, Tennessee Coal and Lead 1¾, do preferred 2½, and St. Paul, Rock Island, Northwest, New York Central and Canada Southern 1½ per cent. The market was still strong. Sales to noon, 154,500 shares, including 122,600 listed and 31,900 unlisted.

Noon—Money on call has been quoted at 6 per cent all the morning. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.88½ for demand and $4.89¾@4.90 for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.88½@489½ and $4.90@4.91. Commercial bills $4.87. Silver certificates 66⅝@67. Bar silver 66½. Mexican dollars, 52¼.

Government bonds weak and ⅛@1 per cent lower. New fours, reg., 117½; do coupon, 117½; fives, reg., 112; do coupon, 112; fours, reg., 108; do coupon, 109; twos, reg., 96; Pacific sixes of '96, 99.

The bulls continued in control of the speculative situation at 1 p. m., and further material gains were made in the prominent stocks. The operations in stocks were very heavy and noteworthy gains were established in the speculative issues.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Closing: Consuls for both money and the account, 106⅝.

Looks Like a Bond Issue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A local paper says Mr. J. P. Morgan, who with Mr. August Belmont, organized the Government bond syndicate last February, went to Washington last night. Bankers who knew of his departure and are also aware of the informal communications that have been had during the last week between President Cleveland and prominent bankers in this city, are of the opinion that Mr. Morgan went over to Washington because he was invited to do so by the President. If this is so, it would seem to indicate that the President is not particularly hopeful of immediate action by Congress authorizing an issue of bonds and that he has determined, as he did last winter, to finance the treasury on the basis of existing legislation.

Gold Shipments.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—Kidder, Peabody & Co. will ship $500,000 gold on the steamer Paris, sailing to-morrow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—L. Von Hoffman & Co. have increased their proposed shipment of gold on to-morrow's steamer from $250,000 to $450,000, and Baring, Magoun & Co. will ship $500,000 for the account of Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston.

Little Trading in London.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Stock Exchange opened steady and continued quiet. Consols advanced ⅛ to ⅝ over yesterday's prices and Union Pacific and American Railways ¾ to 1½ all around. But there was little business doing.

RAINY DAY MYSTERY.

Three Men and a Check and a Fight in the Continental Bank.

A mysterious and exciting occurrence took place in the lobby of the Continental National Bank, Fourth and Olive strets, shortly after noon Tuesday. About 12 o'clockthree strangers were noticed in conference at one of the check counters. One of the trio was writing or figuring on a blank check and the other two were talking to him in a low tone. Finally the check writer walked over to the paying teller's window, followed by his two companions, and laid the result of his writing or figuring on the counter. Before the teller had reached for it one of the two men grabbed it. The writer closed in on him, but the other member of the trio went to the assistance of the check snatcher. The writer was getting the worst of an exciting rough-and-tumble fight when the paying teller called for the police. His cry of watch frightened the fighting trio, and they made their escape before an officer showed up. Nobody connected with the bank or any of the people in the lobby at the time recognized the mysterious trio.

SHE KEPT HER BONNET ON.

Attorney May Philbrock Granted a Woman's Privilege.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—May Philbrook, New Jersey's only woman lawyer, was in Chancery Chambers in Jersey City yesterday as counsel for the plaintiff in a foreclosure proceeding. As she got up to make a motion she bowed politely to Chancellor McGill, who occupied the bench, and surprised him with the question:

"Please, sir, am I obliged to remove my hat?"

The Chancellor told her it was not compulsory in her case, and she argued her motion without taking off her bonnet. Chancellor McGill granted Miss Philbrook's motion for a rule to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed to protect her client's interest.

FOUGHT A PITCHED BATTLE.

Sophomores Worsted by Freshmen in the Streets of New York.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Freshmen of the College of the City of New York had their first annual dinner at Clarke's restaurant in Twenty-third street last night, but not until after a pitched battle had been fought with the sophomores. A number of the students were more or less battered, and there was one arrest made.

The freshmen were about to sit down to the table when there was a wild yell and a rush, and when the freshmen looked around their president and toastmaster, O. H. Toby, had disappeared. He had been picked up bodily and carried through the restaurant and into the street. The sophomores had arrived.

But thirty freshmen were after them in a minute. They met in the street, and eyes were pounded, heads struck with canes, hats crushed in, ribs pounded and clothing torn and damaged. The battle raged for ten minutes, at the end of which time President Toby was dragged back to the banquet hall. He was a sight.

The sophomores fared badly. They hooted and yelled, and had just resolved to batter down the restaurant door when Policeman Kaupram appeared. Christopher Collins, a sophomore, was pounding S. J. Siegel, a sophomore, when the policeman arrested both of them. It was not until the arrival of six policemen that the street was cleared, and it was a long time before the class dinner went on.

CUBANS MARCHING ON HAVANA.

They Are Within Fifty Miles of the Capital City.

SPANIARDS MUCH ALARMED.

By a Flank Movement, Gomez and His Army Manage to Elude the Forces of Gen. Campos.

HAVANA, Dec. 24.—Gomez and the insurgent army have turned the flank of the Spanish forces, commanded by Gen. Campos in person, at Colon, and are now well to the westward of that place, threatening a quick movement upon Havana. This news from the front has created the greatest consternation here.

The insurgent army is now only about fifty miles from Havana and the Spanish authorities seem to have entirely lost their heads. At this rate the insurgents will be in front of Havana possibly to-morrow, if they have obtained control of the railroads from here to Matanzas, which seems not impossible as they were only a few miles from Matanzas when last heard from and moving rapidly westward.

TWO BATTLES FOUGHT.

The Cubans and the Spaniards Victorious in Turn.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Nassau, N. P., says:

Advices received here from Cuba state that a big battle has been fought in Palmanito, District of Ramon de Las Yaguas, between a force of 1,200 Spaniards, under Gen. Canal and nearly 3,000 Cubans, in which the rebels were victorious. The Cubans, it is stated, were poorly armed and equipped, but full of enthusiasm.

During the battle the Revolutionists feigned a retreat and the Government troops were led into a trap. The rebels then closed in on all sides and inflicted great slaughter upon the Spanish soldiers. The Government troops were forced to fall back before the triumphant rebel army, and retreated to Guantanamo.

Cuban advices also say that a battle has been fought in the Province of Puerto Principe, in which the rebels were defeated after a fight lasting seven hours. The Cubans fell back into a valley, burning all the cane upon several sugar estates. The total loss of the Spanish or the rebel forces is not known.

It is asserted that the planters in the province have lost all hope of being able to grind their crops this winter.

The condition of affairs in Guantanamo is said to be deplorable. Laborers are joining the revolutionists in the district of Santiago, where the rebels are burning all sugar cane.

PORTO RICO'S REVOLT.

Revolutionary Party in New York Purchasing Arms.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A local paper says: Members of the Porto Rican revolutionary party, who have organized a Junta to work in connection with the Cuban Junta, are purchasing arms and fitting out an expedition. The organization of the party and the Junta has met with the approval of Porto Ricans, in this city and elsewhere, who realize that a decisive blow can be struck for liberty now that Spain's energy is devoted to quelling the insurrection in Cuba. It was positively learned last night that Senor Estrada Palma, on behalf of the Cuban Junta, has entered into a compact with Dr. J. Julio Henna, president of the revolutionary party, whereby British parties will co-operate in aiding the causes of Cuba and Porto Rico. President Henna acknowledged that he had been in consultation with President Palma and that steps will at once be taken to assist the people of Porto Rico, who are anxiously awaiting the signal to arise. A meeting of both the Cuban and Porto Rican Juntas will be held at the Cuban headquarters, when a plan of campaign favorable to the Porto Ricans will be decided upon. The Cuban Junta realizes that it has secured powerful allies in the war against Spain. With the development of an insurrection in Porto R'co, the efforts of the Spanish to put down the war in Cuba will necessarily be weakened and troops will be sent from the Island of Cuba to Porto Rico.

For months past the revolutionary Porto Ricans in this city have been corresponding with the leading revolutionary spirits in the island, and President Henna said yesterday that thirty towns had been heard from whose inhabitants are ready to revolt when the proper time comes.

He said: "We addressed communications also to our general delegate, Dr. Ramon E. Betances, who is also agent for the Cubans in Paris, and to other prominent Cubans and Porto Ricans abroad who are eager to see Porto Rico. From them we received great encouragement and proffers of assistance. They forwarded documents of indorsements.

"I realize that a few men have no right to force a revolution, even in the cause of liberty, but our people are waiting only for the leaders and revolutionists. Our plans are maturing.

"Cuba's success means Porto Rico's triumph. We will aid Cuba and she will aid us. When we are prepared for battle, our people will rise, armed with guns and ammunition sent from this and other countries."

CHARITY CARNIVAL.

Kirmess and Spectacular Entertainment at Grand Music Hall Contemplated.

With the various charity organizations of St. Louis and the multitude of temporary enterprises started for their relief, the worthy poor of this big city should suffer very little, if any at all, this winter.

The latest movement for the benefit of poverty has taken the shape of a Charity Carnival. It will be held in Grand Music Hall of the Exposition Building the evenings of February 25, 26, 27 and 28, with the concluding matinee performance on the afternoon of Saturday, February 29.

The projectors of the enterprise for good reasons do not want their names published. They are charitable men and women, leaders in business, society and religion, who prefer to contribute of their means for the relief of the suffering poor without being compelled to submit to the worry and pain which personal appeals produce. They represent all creeds and nationalities.

The central feature of the entertainment in Grand Music Hall will be a ...

There Seems to Have Been a Lull in This Game of Battledore and Shuttlecock.
(From the New York Herald.)

YOUNG WIFE'S CHRISTMAS.

Alice Wiswall's Long Journey to See Her Dying Husband.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A message came last Thursday to Alice Wiswall at Bridgeport, Ala., from her husband, at Fort Edward, saying he was dying and wanted to see her and their baby. Scarcely two years ago she married Wm. Wiswall, a young farm hand, at Fort-Edward, N. Y. Soon after the ceremony her parents moved South. Then misfortunes and sickness came which compelled the young wife and her infant daughter to separate from her husband and follow her parents to Alabama. Thursday's message brought word that her husband was dying of consumption and that his end might be expected at any moment.

Absolutely penniless, the young wife boarded a north-bound train at Bridgeport with her sick baby in her arms. A kind-hearted trainman smuggled her into a corner of the smoking car and saw that she was provided with a little food. At the end of the road she was secretly transferred to another north-bound train and carried further onward to her destination.

At Cumberland, Md., the baby was taken violently ill, but a physician was summoned, who prescribed medicine free of charge. The young mother and her baby finally reached the city on Sunday afternoon. She was found on West street by a policeman, dazed with fatigue and hunger. He took her to the Hudson Street Hospital, where she was well cared for that night.

Yesterday morning she went down to the West Shore Railroad ferry, at the foot of Jay street, and told her story. Chief Engineer Bermingham secured her transportation over the road to Fort Edward. She left Weehawken by an early train, tearful yet happy at the prospect of reaching the bedside of her dying husband before nightfall.

THEIR UNKNOWN HERO.

He Helped Save Two Little Girls From Sudden Death.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Emma and Lizzie Theurer were saved from a horrible death on the Greenwood Lake Railroad trestle at the other side of the river late Monday afternoon. The two little girls, one of whom is 14, the other 12, were crossing the single track trestle over the river when the first express came up. Both girls, with hands clasped, started to run, the train gaining on them every second. Just when it seemed that the little girls were about to lose their lives, the voice of an unknown hero was heard below. "Jump!" he shouted from the swamp.

The two children were as in a dream and ran on, not daring to obey the order of their would-be rescuer. "Jump," yelled the man in the swamp, "jump for your lives! They can't stop the train." Emma looked back, shuddered, braced herself for the daring leap, and jumped far out from the trestle. A moment later she was safe in the arms of the unknown man.

Little Lizzie, left alone, could not nerve herself to jump, but, as if by a miracle, just when the engine was almost upon her she slipped and fell. Her skirt caught on the end of a tie, and she hung there in midair, while the train crashed over the spot where she had been standing. To and fro she swung, in a faint. Finally her skirt gave way, and she dropped into the outstretched arms of her sister's preserver.

As soon as they found they had escaped uninjured from what had seemed almost certain death, both of the little girls went into hysterics. The children were soon at their uncle's house. Then Mr. Brower looked for the unknown hero, but he had gone.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for More Rain and Colder Weather Wednesday.

For St. Louis and vicinity: Rain to-day, to-night and probably Wednesday; still warm to-night; colder Wednesday afternoon or Wednesday night.

For Illinois: Rain, possibly changing to snow Wednesday; colder Wednesday night. Cold wave in north portion Wednesday evening.

For Missouri: Rain, possibly changing to snow Wednesday. Cooler Wednesday evening.

The pressure has fallen throughout the country, and storm conditions prevail everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains.

Rains have been general, and heavy rains have again occurred in Southwest Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and in portions of Texas; 1.9 inches have fallen at Springfield, Mo., 1.10 at Fort Smith, 1.30 at Oklahoma City and 2.12 at Abilene, Tex.

LARSON'S QUICK RETRIBUTION.

Was Shot Dead While Attempting to Escape Arrest.

COMMITTED A DOUBLE CRIME

He Had Ransacked Constable Hansen's House and Attempted to Assault His Little Daughter.

Henry Larson of Florissant, Mo., while attempting to escape from the custody of Constable John Hanson of Pine Lawn was shot through the head and mortally wounded near the Suburban Station at Florissant, Monday night.

He was placed aboard a St. Louis & Suburban car, rushed at full speed into the city and taken to the City Hospital via the dispensary. He died without regaining consciousness at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Larson was a familiar figure around Pine Lawn and Florissant. He was a gardener, 35 years old. Out of work for some time he became a tramp, and soon came to be known as a sneakthief. He was not regarded as a dangerous character. Hunger and ill-luck perhaps made him desperate.

At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon he was seen prowling about Hanson's residence. No attention was paid to him. Going around to the back door he was met by Hanson's daughter Bessie. The girl had opened the door thinking to welcome her father and mother, who had gone to the city on a Christmas shopping tour. Larson asked if the girl's parents were at home, and in her innocence she told him that she was alone. Then Larson ransacked the house.

In the midst of his work he was interrupted by the girl childishly berating him up for mussing up things. Springing upon the girl, who had begun to make outcry, he attempted to stifle her screams. He threatened to kill her if she did not cease her noise, and, having subdued her, attempted to further assault her, when through the window he espied her parents approaching the house. Releasing the child and abandoning the plunder, Larson sprang through the front door. Scaling the fence he sped across a vacant lot. Hanson saw his hurried exit and, pursuing, overtook him after a short chase.

Hanson brought his prisoner back to the house, where the girl told her story. The prisoner was then taken to Florissant, where Hanson swore out a warrant before Judge Belleville. Larson there admitted his guilt, admitting the truth of all the charges of Hanson's daughter and expressing his regret at having mistreated her. At 10 o'clock captor and captured stood on the platform of the St. Louis & Suburban Railway station at Florissant, awaiting a car to Clayton, where Larson was to be placed in the County Jail. As the car slowed up, Hanson started to help his prisoner aboard.

Larson dealt him a terrific blow in the face, felling him. The prisoner attempted flight but Hanson regained his feet in time to prevent. Constable and prisoner then grappled and a desperate struggle ensued. Larson finally threw the constable from him, and darted down the railroad track with Hanson in pursuit. Twice Hanson called upon the fugitive to halt, but he sped on. Then Hanson fired. The first shot went over Larson's head. At the second he stopped, reeled and fell. A crowd quickly gathered. It was found the man had been shot through the head.

VALUABLE HORSES BURNED.

Consumed in a Barn From Which Three Men Made Narrow Escapes.

BURLINGTON, Io., Dec. 24.—Strickland's livery barn, with forty horses and 200 vehicles, burned to-day. The loss is $50,000; insurance less than $10,000. Many of the horses had fast records and belonged to private persons. Two men were dragged out of the building unconscious and another escaped from a second-story window.

A PRODIGAL HUSBAND.

Anton John Returns Home After a Mysterious Disappearance.

There is rejoicing at the Johns' residence, 1822 South Eleventh street. Anton Johns, the head of the household, who has been mourned as dead for nearly three months, has returned.

Johns left home on the morning of Oct. 1 ostensibly to go to his work as city salesman for the Home Brewing Co. When he did not return his wife remembered that his manner was strange that morning and that he had been despondent for some time. She did not report the matter to the police till a week had elapsed, but she conducted a search for her husband on her own account. She concluded that he had been murdered. Other people entertained a theory of suicide, as Johns was notified the day before he disappeared that he must find another job. He was earning only $9 a week and had persisted in demanding more money till he had made himself unpopular with his employers.

Johns went from St. Louis to Chicago and thence to Kansas City. He made a little money and decided to come home and give his family a Christmas treat. He came and his wife is happy. He explained to her that he kept silent while away because he thought her uncle, Charles B. Stuever, Vice-President of the Home Brewing Co., would care for her more willingly if he thought she were a widow.

LASHED TO THE RIGGING.

Crew of a Stranded Ship Perishing in an Angry Sea.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The British ship Moresby, Capt. Coomber, was stranded yesterday off the Ballinacourts Lighthouse, near Dungarven, about a mile and a half from the shore. Her crew, numbering thirty-six men, have been lashed to her rigging throughout the night and it is believed they will perish, as the sea is too heavy for a lifeboat to live in it for any length of time.

Later in the day a lifeboat succeeded in getting to the Moresby and rescued several of her crew. The others, however, remained lashed to the rigging. The Moresby, at the time the lifeboat was driven away from her, was breaking up.

Later: In spite of all efforts made to save them, seventeen of the Moresby's crew were drowned when that vessel broke up.

Gales Off the British Coast.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Heavy gales prevail to-day over the coast of Great Britain, and several small wrecks have already been reported.

A schooner was seen to run ashore in the Tyne, near Shields, where she became a wreck. It is believed that all the members of her crew were drowned.

FREE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

Trone Wilson, Slave and Convict, Gets His Liberty at Last.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Trone Wilson, an aged negro convict who was pardoned from the Georgia Penitentiary by Gov. Atkinson to-day, is probably the last slave to receive the benefits of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. Wilson was in jail in Liberty County as accessory to a murder when the negro race was set free by the President. He was afterward sent to the penitentiary, and now enjoys the first breath of free air he has ever known.

ONLY OFFICIALLY DEAD.

Henry Meyers, Hanged for Murder, Is Said to Be Living.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 24.—A remarkable story comes from Pomeroy, Wash., where Henry Meyers was recently hanged for murder. After being pronounced dead the body was turned over to an old friend of the murderer, who by simple restoratives revived the officially dead man. Three reputable residents of Pomeroy assert that they have personally conversed with Meyers within a week, and that he is now in hiding from the authorities and will shortly be taken out of the country. County officers declare that Meyers' body was interred in Potter's field.

DANGER OF WAR ALL OVER NOW.

That Is the View Taken by the London Papers.

ONLY AMERICAN POLITICS.

Poking Fun at Edison for His Interview on the Startling Inventions Which He Will Bring Forward.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The afternoon newspapers to-day continue their comments upon the Venezuelan question and the hope is expressed that the Christmas holidays will contribute to bringing about a calmer mood on both sides of the Atlantic. All possibility of war between Great Britain and the United States, however, is regarded as being over and the affair is now viewed chiefly from the standpoint of American domestic politics and from its bearing upon the financial situation.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, the American inventor, is being pleasantly chaffed as the result of the publication here of an alleged interview with him, in which he is quoted as describing a number of startling inventions which he is said to be ready to bring forward in the event of war.

The St. James Gazette, commenting upon the statement attributed to Mr. John A. Redmond, the Irish leader, regarding the attitude of Ireland in the case of war, styles him a traitor and says it believes him also to be a libeler when he says that Ireland would go solidly with America. The St. James Gazette asks what would happen to the American politician just now who would say that in the event of war Ireland would fight for England.

CLEVELAND DENOUNCED.

Speeches Before a Big Audience at Cooper Union.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A big audience at Cooper Union last night heard President Cleveland and Secretary Olney severely denounced for their "vigorous foreign policy."

Part of the audience cheered the speakers, while many of the people hissed the sentiments expressed.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, was one of the orators. Dr. Abbott said that Mr. Olney says that if Great Britain is allowed to gain possession of 300 square miles of land 2,500 miles away she will use it as a basis for operations to push acquisitions. Such a statement, the speaker said, was ridiculous because she has already thousands of miles that she could use if so disposed.

"Nor is this a question of duty due a downtrodden sister republic," said the speaker. "Since Venezuela became a republic fifty years ago she has been in the throes of international strife. On the other hand, British Guiana has always been a peaceful nation, and whether the boundary of one be decreased or the other increased is a matter that does not concern us. (Handclapping and applause.) I stand here to-day to indict this acceptation of the Monroe doctrine as characteristically and spiritually un-American. America is the peace nation of the world."

Henry George was the next speaker. He said in part: "What reason is there for the war? I believe in the Monroe doctrine and have stood for it. This, however, is not the Monroe doctrine, and what Grover Cleveland calls the Monroe doctrine is but a travesty on it and an utter absurdity."

Charles Frederick Adams denounced President Cleveland and his Venezuelan message severely. His remarks were received with a storm of hisses.

Rev. W. G. Bliss of Boston and Franklin Pierce also made short addresses. At the conclusion of the last address the Secretary read a letter from Dr. E. H. Newton, protesting against war, and also a resolution, which was put and voted for and against in the same voice. It was declared passed, however. The resolution in substance is that the Chairman of the meeting and the speakers are appointed a committee to secure the widest possible opinion to oppose the warlike methods of the President.

DO NOT INDORSE OLNEY.

Action of the Chicago Iroquois Club on the Monroe Doctrine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Iroquois Club last night voted to support the President and Congress of the United States in the determination to enforce recognition of the Monroe doctrine in the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela, but did not treat Secretary Olney so kindly.

In fact the Iroquois Club would not indorse Mr. Olney's declaration that "On this continent the United States of America is supreme and its fiat is law."

The indorsement of the first proposition noted was unanimous, because the two or three members voted for it with the understanding that it was not an indorsement of the Monroe doctrine as applied by the administration and supported by the Republican Congress, but simply the indorsement good American citizens should give to any action of their President when it was not morally wrong.

War talk flowed freely and was thunderously applauded. Near the last it seemed that the flood of patriotism outpoured would result in overwhelming commendation of the strongest resolution that could be framed in support of the policy outlined by President Cleveland and his Secretary of State. At this stage R. E. Spangler offered this resolution:

"Resolved, That this club most heartily supports the President and the Congress of the United States in the determination to enforce recognition of the Monroe doctrine in the controversy between Great Britain and Venezuela and believe with our Secretary of State that 'On this continent the United States of America is supreme and its fiat is law.'"

An interesting debate ensued, during which it was moved to divide the two propositions in Mr. Spangler's resolution, and this was finally done, the only part adopted being that supporting the President in his position as outlined above.

TRAIN'S MESSAGE.

The "Citizen" Wires a Bit of Advice to Mr. Cleveland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Citizen George Francis Train to-day sent the following message to President Cleveland:

Madison Square, Day Before Christmas: Citizen-President U. S. A., Washington, D. C.: I have elected you twice by psychism. I will do it again if you will issue no bonds and throw the responsibility of crisis on Congress. GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.

Ex-President Palacio.

N[illegible]K, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the He[illegible] Vienna says:

T[illegible]espondent of the Neue Freie Pr[illegible] to that paper an interv[illegible] with Gen. Palacio, ex-[illegible]ela, in which he said

that Holland had a far more justifiable pretension to the disputed area than Great Britain. Venezuela had never been averse to arbitration. During his own term as President the government wished to propose that the Presidents of the United States, France and Switzerland should act as arbitrators, but this plan was abandoned because it would have required long and assiduous discussion and inquiry, while the Presidents frequently changed.

Venezuela then decided to submit the matter to the Emperor of Austria, in whose justice she had the fullest confidence, but this desire was abandoned because of Great Britain's attitude. Gen. Palacio concluded by declaring that neither Venezuela nor the United States expected war.

Austria Sides With England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Vienna says:

The conviction is gaining ground here that President Cleveland has committed a huge blunder. The comments of the press are becoming more severe, especially after the "Krach" on the Vienna Bourse, which resulted directly from the President's message. Not a single journal in Austria takes the side of Mr. Cleveland.

"When we consider the sympathy normally felt in Europe with the United States it is clear that a grave error has been committed at Washington. I fear it will be a long time before the moral it has produced will disappear."

Such is the opinion of a well-known Austrian diplomat interviewed.

It is said that this opinion is shared by County Kalnoky and Golushowsky, whose sympathies with England are well-known. The comic papers, too, do not spare President Cleveland and are full of jokes and cuts, in which the message is held up to ridicule.

"America for the Yankees."

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from Valparaiso, Chili, says:

The Chile Ro; a conservative journal published in Santiago, and which is the most widely read paper issued there, discusses President Cleveland's message in a long editorial. It says that the Monroe doctrine does not mean America for Americans, but America for the Yankees. Further discussing the message it vigorously criticises the United States for interfering in the war between Peru and Bolivia, and says that Chili was unjustly humiliated in the settlement of the trouble growing out of the difficulty between Chilians and sailors of the United States cruiser Baltimore. It compares these things with the treatment that the country has received from England, which, it says, has always been friendly.

AN OLD WOMAN'S WEALTH.

Weeks After Her Death Her Money Is Being Found.

Mrs. Ignatz Baudendistel, aged 57, died about two weeks ago in East St. Louis and was buried in St. Henry's Cemetery. Tuesday morning a rumor was afloat that some $10,000 had been found by the youngest son of Mrs. Baudendistel, John, buried in the ground in the rear of their home near the Black bridge on St. Clair avenue. It was recalled that the old lady had always been miserly and the story soon gained currency among the neighbors.

A Post-Dispatch reporter saw Mrs. Ahrens, residing at 519 Hickory street, a married daughter of Mrs. Baudendistel. She denied the story in part, but said that a box containing a lease to the ground on which the house of her mother stood and other papers, had been found by the younger brother, John, under the steps in the rear of the kitchen. She further stated that her brother Fred had gone downtown to see an attorney and that if any cash had been found she knew nothing of it. She also stated that her mother, when on her death-bed, had admonished some of the children to search for valuable papers, but had been unable to state anything further.

Fred Baudendistel could not be found, but the attorney who drew up Mrs. Baudendistel's will said that the story had probably gained currency from the finding of the bank book, which had not been seen since the old lady's death. It was learned from another source that there were two bank books—one on the Lafayette Bank and one on the German American of St. Louis, and that the bank books called for something like $4,000.

This amount, it seems, the children knew nothing of and it proved an agreeable surprise.

There are nine children, all but two being of age. Some of the neighbors said they were not at all surprised to find that Mrs. Baudendistel had a good bank account, as she had conducted the saloon on St. Clair avenue for many years and formerly drew a good trade from stock dealers at the National Yards. The search for further valuables will be continued.

CHICAGO AFTER IT.

Meeting to Secure the Democratic National Convention.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The citizens who have undertaken to bring the Democratic National Convention to Chicago met last evening at the Iroquois Club and began business by contributing $50 each to the fund for the payment of preliminary expenses of the convention. The subscribers to this contingent fund will be reimbursed out of the general fund.

The committee organized by electing Walter S. Bogle, Chairman; A. T. Ewing, Secretary, and Jos. Donnersberger, Treasurer. The other members present were: Irving Pearce, Thos. Gahn, A. A. Goodrich, P. H. Linneen, A. S. Gage and B. J. Rosenthat. It was the general opinion that if the National Committee should require a building large enough to hold 15,000 people the Coliseum would be available, but no temporary one would be erected.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Planned Suicide, But the Woman's Life Was Saved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The odor of gas attracted the attention of attendants in a building at Eighty-sixth street to-day to the apartments occupied by Arno Karb and wife. Entrance to the rooms having been forced, Karb was found breathing his last, while his wife was unconscious from asphyxiation. The latter was restored, but the husband died while being conveyed to the hospital. As the police suspected that the couple had planned suicide, the woman was arrested. Karb was 38 years old and his wife 40.

Election Contests.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—In the distribution of the election contests by Speaker Reed to-day, the two Illinois contests, Belknap against McGann and Rinaker against Downing, will be disposed of by the first elections committee, of which Daniels of New York is chairman. All the Texas contests will be decided by the third committee, of which McCall of Massachusetts is the head. To-day the chairman of the triple-headed committee arranged for early meetings to carry out the plan of settling the contests by February, if possible.

Court of Apepals Decisions.

The St. Louis Court of Appeals handed down the following decisions Tuesday:

Finke vs. Hathaway; Marion County; affirmed.

Lane vs. White; Scotland County; affirmed.

Dunn vs. McClintock; Clark County; affirmed.

McCormick vs. City of Monroe; Monroe County; affirmed.

Meyer vs. Christian; Marion County; affirmed.

Veiths vs. Planet Property and Financial Co.; City; affirmed.

Head vs. Supreme Council of Catholic Knights of America; city; affirmed.

Benedict & Burnham Manufacturing Co. vs. Jones; assignee; city; affirmed.

Lawrence vs. McGann; city; reversed and mandamus dismissed.

American Paper Pail and Box Co. vs. Oakes Candy Co.; city; reversed and remanded.

Dillon vs. Lindell Railway Co.; city; reversed and remanded with instructions.

Lazarus vs. Moran; city; affirmed.

Short vs. Bohle; city; affirmed.

State of Missouri vs. Hunter; Lawrence County; affirmed.

Joseph Walters Bound [illegible]

Joseph Walters, for shoot[illegible] L. Powers Dec. 14 last, was hel[illegible] the Grand-jury, and his bond[illegible] in the Court of Correctio[illegible] rs was found guilty and [illegible] as fixed at seven years [illegible] y several weeks ago for [illegible]

THEY APPEALED TO THE MAYOR.

Property Owners Protest Against the Manchester Road Franchise.

IT IS HELD IN ABEYANCE.

Mr. Walbridge, After Hearing the Arguments, Says He Will Look Over the Ground.

Mayor Walbridge granted an open hearing Tuesday morning to the friends and opponents of the Manchester road franchise which passed the Municipal Assembly last week. J. B. Case, president of the Manchester road; Major B. D. Lee, attorney for the St. Louis and Suburban, and Samuel M. Kennard represented the company, while L. J. Howard and Hon. Jeff Pollard appeared as protestants.

Mr. Howard stated that he owned 2,000 feet of property along the line of the proposed extension and he wanted some guarantee that the railroad company would leave the street in good condition.

"According to the ordinance which is now before your Honor," he said, "there is no provision whatever to compel the railroad to repair or put the street in good shape. It is for this reason that I ask you to delay your decision until such a provision is made and unless this is done we give notice now that we will call on the city to pay for the paving of the street.

"Manchester road is one of the most important streets in the city and no other highway can be laid out to take its place. The road is now in such a condition that it is absolutely impassable from King's highway to the city limits. In case of fire our interests are jeopardized. No fire engine in the city can get over Manchester road in time to do any good. We are simply helpless in case of fire, and the way things are going we will be in that position for years to come. People who have to earn a living by hauling over this road find their profits all taken from them, and yet the railroad company is not doing a thing to help them out. There are great holes in the street which have been there for more than thirty days, and the only attempt that has been made to fill them up has been to dump in a lot of material taken from the street and which is owned by the city. This material has only half done the work, which should have been thoroughly done."

Jefferson Pollard stated that he came to protest in the name of a large number of property owners along Manchester road between King's highway and Sarah street.

"In the first place," he said, " they are laying their tracks on the surface instead of grading the street from building line to building line, as is provided in the ordinance. There are stores along the street now which are four feet below the grade, and we have no evidence that the matter will be righted. Again, we claim that the franchise for the Manchester road was signed Dec. 15, 1892, and work was not begun until about Dec. 15, 1893. The entire work should have been done in two years. As it now stands, there is no prospect of the work being done for months to come. This looks like a clear violation of the ordinance."

"All that we ask is that you continue the hearing until such time as the property owners can come in a body and protest against this giving away a valuable franchise without giving the city any adequate return."

Pollard pointed out that the franchise upon which the road was being constructed was originally granted to other parties, and, after being hawked about the streets for months, was finally sold to a number of prominent men. Some of them were understood to be owners of the St. Louis and Suburban line.

All this was vouched for by L. J. Howard, who added that it had been done through the influence of Robert E. McMath, President of the Board of Public Improvements.

"I appealed to Mr. McMath a number of times," he said, "for an opinion either as an official or as a private citizen. Time after time I appealed to him to know if the railroad company had a right to tear up the street and leave it, but to this day I have never been able to get any kind of an opinion from him. I want to say in plain language that the Manchester road company is stealing macadam from the city and is using it for its own purpose. It has done this in a great many instances and has shown no disposition to buy any material."

Sam Kennard, on behalf of the suburban people, said he would assure the Mayor that the ordinance would be complied with, claiming that all the opposition to the bill came from the same class of people which has been obstructing the march of progress in St. Louis for a generation.

Mr. Howard denied that he was opposed to improvements, but claimed that the people should be protected from the greed of the corporations who were given valuable franchises without offering to do a thing in return. He wanted the ordinance complied with, and served notice that the city would be held to a strict accountability.

The Mayor gave notice that he would not consider the bill at present.

"I will make it a point," said he, "to go over the route of the proposed extension with some of the members of the Board of Public Improvements and then I will be better able to judge the merits of the case. Until this is done the mater will be held in abeyance."

President Case made an effort to deny this, but finally admitted that it was the city's macadam which was being used.

During the progress of a desultory discussion, in which all took a hand, it came out that the contractor, who was building the road, had agreed to accept bonds in payment for his work. It was charged also that according to the printed notices of the company the new extension is to be capitalized at $750,000 and bonded for $750,000, in spite of the fact that it is merely a branch to be built from the city limits to a connection with the Suburban. As it will secure its power from the latter company it is easy to see that but a small portion of the $1,500,000 will be needed to meet the cost of construction. The rest will be water.

Some objections were also made to the peculiar manner in which the franchise was pushed through the House of Delegates. No regular meeting of the Railroad Committee seems to have been held to consider the matter and the printed bill was not received from the printer by the Clerk of the House until 4 o'clock of the day on which it was passed.

Delegate Sullivan protested in vain against the hasty action and offered a number of amendments, all of which were voted down. He wanted a guarantee from the company that it would leave the street in as good a condition as it found it and that it would keep the street clean at all times, but this was lost.

THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS.

Musician Wm. Bequette Climbed Them and Fell Dead.

William Bequette, a musician, 58 years old, dropped dead from heart disease at his home, 629 South Broadway, at 11:30 o'clock Monday night. Bequette had passed the evening at the "Aschenbrodel," Musicians' Headquarters, Sixth and Market streets, and at 11 o'clock started to walk home in company with his son George. They lived on the third floor of 629 South Broadway, and when Bequette reached his room he remarked: "If I had run up those stairs you could bury me to-morrow. He then removed his coat and was about to unloosen his vest when he dropped dead.

Besides two sons, with whom he lived, Bequette leaves a married daughter and a wife with whom he has not lived for eight years.

Mrs. Bequette lives with her mother at 319 Spruce street.

For the Holidays.

Very low rates via the Burlington Route to points within 200 miles. Tickets on sale Dec. 24th, 25th and 31st, and Jan. 1st. Ticket Office, S. W. corner Broadway

HIS HOOSIER FRIENDS.

Jokers Send Manager Cunningham a Turkey and a Bottle of Natural Gas.

William Cyrus Cunningham, assistant manager of the Planters' Hotel, was greatly excited Tuesday morning upon receiving what gave promise of being a big Christmas box.

Mr. Cunningham was born in New Castle, Ind., and is the pride of Wayne County. Everybody over there talks about "our William Cyrus" and they never forget him on holidays.

So the big box labeled "From Wayne County Friends" seemed consistent enough. He smiled blandly when he saw it, rubbed his hands together and gave Clerk George Moore an awful poke in the ribs. "Tommy" Golden opened his mouth in wonderment and spilled a bottle of ink on his new winter tans.

The head porter was then called behind the desk to open the box. It was a mysterious looking affair. Robert Kergan, the key clerk, thought some rival had sent an infernal machine.

Finally, with a jerk, the lid flew open, and out jumped a monstrous turkey. With a loud gobble it jumped up on the desk and then out into the rotunda. Sleuth Felix O'Connor, the house detective, went in pursuit. He chased the turkey all over the first floor, then down into the wash room, where he landed his prisoner.

But the turkey wasn't all the box contained. Carefully wrapped up in one corner was a big bottle. Cunningham looked at the bottle, then he pulled the cork and smelled the contents. The effect was instantaneous. He fell backwards like one in a trance. Upon recovering he picked up a bit of paper, on which was written: "A bottle of Indiana natural gas. Bill, give it to the St. Louis folks good and strong."

The turkey will be sent to a charitable institution for Christmas dinner, and the bottle of natural gas is on exhibition at the hotel office.

THE NEIGHBORS WILL TALK.

Fire in Ford & Co.'s Butcher Shop Arouses Comment.

A fire started at Ford & Co.'s meat market and grocery at 1204 and 1206 Franklin avenue, early Tuesday morning. Mr. A. F. Ford, the proprietor, lives over his shop with his family, consisting of wife and four children, all under 8. The shop was kept open until 11:30 last night on account of the holiday trade. About this time Tennie Campbell and Lucy Hughes, colored, employed as nurse and cook for the Fords, arrived home from the theater, whither they had accompanied two of the children. The Campbell woman went home. Lucy Hughes put the children to bed and retired about midnight. Ten minutes afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Ford retired.

An alarm of fire was turned in at 12:36 o'clock by a citizen.

The department on arriving discovered the rear of the shop ablaze, and Ford, his family and the Hughes woman at the second-story window calling for assistance. They were carried down the ladder and taken to a neighboring drug store.

The cause of the fire is not positively established. A. B. Salmon, foreman of Engine Company No. 18, was the first to arrive on the scene and attributes the origin to an overheated stove pipe, which extended near chip baskets and other inflammable material.

The damage done to stock and fixtures is estimated at about $1,500, insurance, $2,800.

Mr. Ford was about to open a new place at Beaumont and Olive streets. He claims he made a little money in the place, but disliked the class of customers who patronized him.

A GREEN CHRISTMAS.

Church Yards Should Wax Fat if Old Saws Count for Anything.

A miserable, rainy, sloppy Christmas!

That is what Forecaster Frankenfield proposes to inflict on the St. Louis public.

When reproached for not having a goodly supply of cold and snappy weather on tap and the ground covered with snow, the doctor justified his premises by contending that the people had no valid reason for exacting such things. He resorted to statistics and demonstrated, to his evident satisfaction, that during the last quarter of a century only four white Christmases have been seen in St. Louis, and but seldom has the weather been really cold during the holidays.

"The amount of rainfall is unprecedented at this season. Heavy rains are now in progress all over the western part of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. At Springfield, Mo., last week in three days nine inches of rainfall was precipitated. The storm now on gave Springfield another shower and two inches of rain fell last night, and it is still raining."

"I am sorry," said the doctor, and his actions agreed with the words, "but I do not see any chance for pleasant weather for Christmas. This storm, with its cloudy, murky and warm features, is likely to remain for several days."

The Mississippi River rose three-tenths of a foot last night and is now at a stand. The water will not begin to go down for several days.

WANTS HIS CHILDREN.

Robert Davenport Does Not Fancy the Home Their Mother Is Giving Them.

Robert Lee Davenport had tears in his eyes Tuesday morning when he appeared with his attorney, J. J. O'Donahoe, in the Circuit Court to ask for a writ of habeas corpus to get possession of his children.

Davenport wants to secure his children, aged 4 and 3, now in possession of his wife, from whom he is separated. He drives a wagon for the Central Coal Co. and earns fair wages. He married his wife when she was but 13 years old, chiefly, he says, to give her a home. They lived happily together until recently, when tales were carried to Davenport that made him doubt her. They were living then at 3401 St. Vincent avenue.

One day in September the jealous husband returned home unexpectedly at 10 o'clock in the morning. He found the door locked. Summoning two of his friends he kicked the door in, and says he discovered his wife and a young man together. The husband restrained himself, but left his wife and went to live at 700 North Third street.

She took the children and went to live at 1226 Clark avenue with a Mrs. Lester. Until Dec. 10 Davenport regularly gave her money to support the children. Recently he claims to have discovered that the house was a public one. But Davenport concluded that the house was no fit place for his children, so he attempted to take them away. His wife refused to give them up. Hence the writ of habeas corpus.

Mrs. Davenport is now only 18. Her husband looks to be about 30. A date for the return of the writ has not been set.

Leroy Stratton Is a Bad Man.

The police have got enough charges against Leroy Stratton, who is now at the Work-house, to entitle him to a special train to the penitentiary. Leroy went to the Work-house on Dec. 21 for discharging firearms, destruction of property and disturbing the peace. Tuesday morning Detective Scully secured a warrant against him for stealing two bicycles, valued at $50 each, from Delbert Bunting, 4358 Forest Park boulevard.

Attorney Adams Disbarred.

Attorney J. Percival Adams was disbarred by Judge Murphy Tuesday from practicing in the Court of Criminal Correction. Drunkenness was the cause given. When Adams walked into court Tuesday Judge Murphy ordered him from behind the bar and instructed Deputy Sheriff Thompson to put him out. Adams was admitted to the bar at Clayton, Mo.

Colored Hat Grabbers.

As Bruno Ettler, a waiter, was passing 618 Clark avenue Monday night Belle Smith and Lulu Tilford, both colored, grabbed his hat. They demanded $1 from him and when he grabbed his head-gear the Smith woman cut him in the arm. Both negresses were arrested.

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THE PRICES ARE THE VERY LOWEST EVER KNOWN.

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STORE OPEN TILL 11 TO-NIGHT.

THE WOMAN CONFESSED.

James Milwood Is Dead and Dollie Mitchell Tells Her Story.

The death of James Milwood at the City Hospital Monday night from the effects of a stab in the abdomen, which he received early Sunday morning, adds another to the long list of murder mysteries the police are trying to unravel. They are in a fair way to solve this as one of the persons arrested on suspicion has confessed.

Milwood was found about 7 o'clock Sunday morning lying on the sidewalk at Broadway and Elm streets bleeding from a knife wound in the abdomen. He was sent to the City Hospital, via the Dispensary.

Milwood told several conflicting stories. He first said he had been stabbed by a friend in a saloon on Morgan street during a quarrel over the payment for drinks. Afterwards he said a colored woman cut him at Seventeenth and Chestnut streets. Later he said a colored woman stabbed him at Thirteenth and Lucas avenue. His last statement was to the effect that he was cut by a negress near where he was found.

Late Monday night the police received information that corroborated Milwood's last statement. On the strength of this information Detectives Kelleher and Howard and Officer Flannigan arrested Walter Murray, Ella Fox, Della Johnson, Katie Johnson, Lizzie Taylor, Lizzie Anderson, Bessie Hall and Dollie Mitchell, all colored, in a house at Seventh street and Clark avenue. The Mitchell woman was arrested shortly after Milwood was found on the sidewalk, suspected of having done the cutting. On being taken before the injured man at the hospital he failed to identify her and she was released. The police afterwards secured additional information which pointed strongly toward Dollie Mitchell as the guilty party.

While the prisoners were being conveyed to the Four Courts in the patrol wagon Della Johnson is said to have addressed the Mitchell woman as follows:

"Why don't you own up to the truth and save the rest of us from getting into trouble?"

At the station Ella Fox is said to have intimated that Dollie Mitchell stabbed Milwood.

Dollie Mitchell is a tall, light mulattress, about 30 years old and bears an unsavory reputation. She confessed after some urging that she stabbed Milwood. She said she had been drinking and met Milwood at Eighth and Market streets about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. After exchanging a few words they quarreled and he struck her with a club. Then he dropped the club and drew a knife. She picked up the club, knocked the knife out of his hand and picked it up. She then stabbed him twice—in the arm and in the abdomen. He threatened to have her arrested and she persuaded him to go to 703 Clarke avenue, where she washed his wounds and he agreed not to tell who cut him.

The woman exhibited two wounds on her head which she said Milwood made with thec lub.

NEGRO THIEVES

Stole Ten Gold Rings From Niehaus' Jewelry Store.

Henry Williams and Gus Terry, colored, were arrested Tuesday by Detectives McGrath and O'Connell at Sixth and Locust streets on suspicion of having stolen ten gold rings, valued at $75, from the jewelry store of F. H. Niehaus, 312 North Sixth street, Monday afternoon. Niehaus identified both negroes as the men who entered his store during the afternoon and asked to look at some rings. A tray containing about twenty-five was shown them. They left without purchasing and shortly after their departure Mr. Niehaus missed ten of the rings. Williams is well-known to the police and his picture adorns the Rogues' Gallery. About three years ago he, in company with two other negroes, was arrested for robbing the jewelry store of Mermod & Jaccard in the same manner. They were convicted and Williams went to the Work-house, while his confederates were sent to the penitentiary.

J. H. Smith, a jeweler of 1500 South Broadway, identified Williams as the man who stole two gold rings from his store in the same way on Saturday. None of the stolen property was recovered.

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A PALATIAL DOLL HOUSE.

Little Eugenia Hauck's "Family" Can Eat by Electric Light.

A doll house five feet high, lighted by electricity and furnished in an elaborate manner, is the Christmas present that will gladden the heart of one little girl in St. Louis to-morrow. She is 5-year-old Eugenia Hauck and the doll house the work of her father, Dr. Eugene F. Hauck of 2354 Whittemore place. He designed the house, thought of a plan to illuminate it with electricity and, having figured the matter out, left the carpenter work to his coachman,

A HOME FOR DOLLS.

Walter Hall, and the lace curtains to Mrs. Hauck. All the other work, the painting of the house, the purchase of furniture, framing of pictures, and the like he executed himself. He has been at it two months and latterly has been sitting up until midnight to complete it.

A Post-Dispatch reporter was admitted to the Christmas room of Dr. Hauck's residence Tuesday morning. Besides the elaborate Christmas tree, stood the doll house, almost as tall as the tree. The front, which separates and swings back on hinges, was painted by Dr. Hauck in imitation of brick, not forgetting iron gratings for the cellar windows, and over the double front door appeared the number 2354 Whittemore place, with the initials "E. H."—those of the young lady—emblazoned upon the glass beneath. The doors being opened, revealed a tasteful reception hall, with hat stand at one side and broad stairs leading to the second floor. A colored house boy in livery stood guard at the front of the stairs. Throwing open the entire front Dr. Hauck showed the interior. On the lower floor to the right was the kitchen, with the range, table, sink, mop, scrub-brush, tins and all the other appurtenances.

Across the hall was the dining-room, the table set for breakfast, the room furnished with elegance. The dining and kitchen tables were made by the coachman because none suitable could be found in the stores.

Upstairs on the right was the parlor, the furniture of which cost $8, and containing a piano, which played a tune at each pressure upon the keyboard. At the end of the second floor hall was the bathroom, with tub and stationary washstand. To the left was the bedroom, with brass canopy bed and bureau and washstand with all appurtenances. Every room is carpeted with Brussels, save the kitchen, the floor of which is covered with oilcloth. From the ceiling of each room hung a miniature colored incandescent lamp. Dr. Houck connected a chandelier lamp with a wire on the roof of the house, turned on the current and immediately the house was ablaze with light.

Last Christmas Miss Eugenia saw a doll house at one of the stores which she admired and Dr. Hauck determined she should have one that would be entirely novel. He has succeeded in producing one at an entire cost of $60 and the result has more than repaid him, both for the outlay of money and the labor he has expended.

Death Caused by a Needle.

Katie Sears, 3 months old, of 1114 Hebert street, died Monday of erysipelas, caused by the prick of a needle. About four weeks ago while being carried by her nurse a needle in the latter's dress stuck the child in the thigh. Little attention was paid to the matter at the time, but erysipelas set in and caused her death.

Christmas Presents Spoiled.

A wagon load of groceries and Christmas presents was overturned at 1400 South Eleventh street Wednesday forenoon by a wheel catching in the street railway track. Most of the goods were ruined by the mud which splashed on them.

BOTH GIRLS WERE DRUNK.

Shocking Admissions Made in the First District Police Court.

The sight of two young girls, one 14 and the other 18, both in a state of hilarious intoxication, being conducted along the street by a policeman, attracted a crowd at Broadway, near Pine street, Monday evening. Officer Patrick Borden found the girls reeling along Pine street arm in arm, screaming and laughing. A jeering crowd followed.

The streets were thronged with Christmas shoppers and theatergoers, many of whom followed the officer and uproarious prisoners to the patrol box at Sixth and Market streets.

At the station the younger girl said she was Julia Murphy of 1125 Tudor street, East St. Louis. Her companion claimed to be Julia's aunt, and said her name was Annie Brecher, and that she lives at 121 Valentine street. Both girls claimed to be married, but said that they were separated from their husbands.

After being locked up both girls collapsed. An ambulance was summoned and they were sent to the Dispensary. In endeavoring to revive Julia the physician placed a cloth saturated with ammonia over her mouth and nostrils. The ammonia blistered her nose and lips, causing them to swell to about twice their natural size.

When arraigned in the First District Police Court Tuesday both girls presented a ghastly appearance. They stated that they worked as scrub girls at the Southern Hotel. Julia became attacked with cramps and to alleviate the pain she went to Peter Ruga's saloon, Ninth and Chestnut streets, where she drank freely of beer and whiskey. Annie accompanied her, and though not suffering with any ailment she drank everything that was set before her. Both girls said they had no recollection of what occurred after leaving the saloon. Judge Peabody gave them a lecture on the evils of drinking and fined them each $10.

When asked by the court if she was not rather young to be a matron Julia replied that she was compelled by her mother to marry. She said that about a year ago her mother got into trouble in East St. Louis and needed money. Joseph Murphy, an employe in a rolling mill, loaned her parent the desired amount. Her mother was unable to pay and last August, she says, her mother forced her to pay the debt by marrying Murphy. As the latter did not treat her well she left him.

BOHLE MUST PAY.

Court of Appeals Affirms Pat Short's Judgment for Damages.

Manager Pat Short of the Olympic Theater will collect the damages awarded him by a jury from Louis C. Bohle, the liveryman. Tuesday morning the Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court.

Mr. Short and his wife were thrown to the ground and injured while driving on Lindell boulevard by a runaway horse owned by Mr. Bohle crushing into their carriage. After a long legal fight judgment for about $1,200 was awarded Mr. Short.

MISS DILLON WINS.

Carried a Suit Against the Lindell Up to the Court of Appeals.

Miss Sarah Dillon has at last gained a victory in her fight against the Lindell Railway Company. Tuesday morning the St. Louis Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the Circuit court and gave a judgment in her favor for $1 and costs.

The plaintiff was a teacher in the Benton School and in June, 1894, had charge of a party of 150 children to a picnic at Forest Park. The party secured two cars from the Lindell railway for the round trip. On the return journey the company refused to run the cars north on Taylor avenue to the school, but insisted on the entire party changing cars at Taylor and Finney avenues. This Miss Dillon refused to do and the party was carried down town and went out on another line where they had to pay fare. Miss Dillon sued the company for breach of contract.

The case was tried in a Justice Court and Miss Dillon lost. She appealed to the Circuit Court, where it was held that she was not entitled to recover. Not daunted she carried the matter to the Court of Appeals, which decided in her favor and the company will have a pretty heavy bill of costs to pay.

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BEQUETTE—Wm. Bequette, beloved husband of Elizabeth E. Bequette and father of Charles, George E. and Cora D'Haringue.

Funeral from residence, 629 South Broadway, to Annunciation Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery, Thursday, at 2 p. m.

CARROLL—Dec. 23, at 11 p. m., Thos. Carroll, the beloved husband of the late Julia Carroll (nee Harty), at the family residence, 1426 North Seventeenth street.

Due notice of funeral will be given.

CONLIN—On Tuesday, Dec. 24, Margaret B. Conlin, aged 4 years and 1 month, dear child of Thomas and Bernice Conlin (nee Lawler).

Funeral Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., from residence, 1015 Grattan street, to Calvary Cemetery.

HIGGINS—On Monday, Dec. 23, Mrs. Margaretta Higgins, beloved mother of Mrs. Sarah Masterson and Dan Higgins, aged 60 years.

Funeral will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 25, from family residence, 2121 De Soto avenue, at 2 p. m., to Holy Name Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

KIESELHORST—Entered into rest, Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4:45 p. m., John A. Kieselhorst, aged 51 years and 3 months.

Services at the family residence, 4365 Forest Park boulevard, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 2:30 p. m. Interment private.

Boston (Mass.), Chicago and Belleville (Ill.) papers please copy.

M'ALLISTER—Dec. 23, at 4 p. m., Stella L. McAllister, beloved daughter of John and Annie McAllister (nee Brady), aged 7 years and 10 months.

Funeral will take place from the family residence, 2246 Warren street, on Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend.

M'GRATH—Monday, Dec. 23, at 2:10 p. m., Dennis McGrath, beloved husband of Johanna McGrath, father of Edward, James, William and John F. X. McGrath, and brother of Mrs. Jas. Murray, aged 60 years.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 1437 North Twenty-second street, Wednesday, Dec. 25, at 1:30 p. m., to St. Bridget's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

Springfield (Ill.) and Montgomery (Ala.) papers please copy.

PETERSON—On Monday, Dec. 23, [illegible] Peterson, beloved son of [illegible] Peterson, aged [illegible] years and 10 months.

Funeral will take place on [illegible]

THREATEN TO SUE THE COMBINE.

Transfer Men Consulting Lawyers About Their Claims.

A CRUSHING DISCRIMINATION

The Bridge and Ferry Companies May Have to Pay Dearly for Their Unlawful Action.

Owners of 2,500 transfer and freight teams in St. Louis are up in arms over the expose of the bridge and ferry combines' discrimination against them in favor of the St. Louis Transfer Co. and the St. Louis Drayage Co. One of the most influential members of the Vehicle Owners' Association has decided that he will bring suit to recover 14½ per cent of the money he has paid to the bridge and ferry, and make his claims the basis of an action for damages.

He has the bills of the bridge and ferry company, dating back three years or more, and his attorney has advised him that he has good cause for action. The first suit is likely to precipitate a dozen others if the pool manipulators allow it to go to trial, but under the circumstances it is thought an effort will be made to compromise in every case.

The Business Men's League will take the matter up, and among its members who have grievances against the combine are the Shapleigh Hardware Co. and Mansur & Tebbetts, two immense concerns that haul the bulk of their freight across the bridge by wagon. The claims of the League will not be small.

In order to understand the situation and get at the reasons for making such discrimination in favor of the Transfer Company and the Drayage Company it is necessary to go back to the origin of those companies.

The former was organized over fifteen years ago, when the Wiggins Ferry Co. operated its own transfer teams. The ferry turned over its teams and wagons and took stock in the St. Louis Transfer Co. Either the amount of its holdings in this company was large enough to demand that it be given an advantage over competitors or there was an agreement to that effect, but in any event the Wiggins Company has given its protege a 17 per cent discount for years. President Scullin practically admitted to a Post-Dispatch man that this rebate had been paid since the organization of the Transfer Company under a contract entered into at the time.

The St. Louis Drayage Co. is an Eads bridge creation. When it became apparent that the ferry was doing the bulk of the business through its arrangement with the Transfer Co., the bridge people decided to get up a company and F. F. Hensler was given a big rebate on condition that he would carry all business over the bridge. Hensler organized the Drayage Co. and with the advantage of a big rebate he got a good share of the business. He now has about 800 teams and wagons.

Within the last two years there has been a switching around of the situation in East St. Louis and it has got so that others than the St. Louis Transfer Co. can hardly secure any of the business there. The terminals are operated largely in the interest of that corporation and freight going by other transfer lines is liable to be seriously delayed.

About two years ago the bridge began to accept ferry tickets presented by owners for the Transfer Co. The ferry then began to accept bridge tickets from Drayage Co. employes. This shows that the pool has been in existence at least two years. Hensler says the bridge and ferry have been practically one for several years.

Hensler, the head of the Drayage Co., was traffic commissioner of the St. Louis Vehicle Owners' Association when the demand was made for a rebate. He denied that he was getting a rebate, but was removed from office in October under charges going to show that he was doing more to advance the interests of Hensler than those of the association he represented. He was at that time receiving a big rebate—presumably 17 per cent.

F. F. Hensler was seen at the Drayage Company's office. He admitted for a time that he is getting a big rebate, but refused to state the amount. He said he knew the St. Louis Transfer Co. is getting 17 per cent discount, and that neither that company nor the Wiggins Co. is friendly to him.

"Isn't it true that you are receiving 17 per cent rebate from the bridge?"

"No. I only get 2½ per cent."

"Were you not removed from the traffic commissionership of the Vehicle Owners' Association because you accepted a rebate, while you claimed you could get no concessions for the association?"

"Oh, Dan Donovan did that. He's a slick man, and he had me kicked out. I never got any rebate. It's the Transfer Co. that gets the 17 per cent off; I only get 2½ per cent."

"Then why don't you go before the Illinois Senate Committee and testify?"

"Why, because. Dan Donovan, the secretary of our association, testified that I was getting 17 per cent off. I didn't want to throw discredit on the association, so I just left."

"How long has there been a bridge and ferry combine?"

"Oh, they have always been one. They have been interchanging tickets for two years. The pool never was as strong as it is now."

Dan C. Donovan, Secretary of the Vehicle Owners' Association, when seen by a Post-Dispatch reporter said: "The information published in the Sunday Post-Dispatch, we have been after for months, but we failed to secure it. We knew in a general way that both the bridge and ferry were discriminating against us but we couldn't get any proof. I was appointed a committee of one to wait on both companies and see if we could not get some kind of a rebate. I saw Mr. Sands, of the Wiggins Co., and he referred me to Mr. Fischer, of the Eads bridge. Fischer referred me back to Sands and vice versa until I got tired and went to Mr. Scullin, President of the ferry. Scullin said he had never heard of such a thing, and he referred me to Dr. Taussig, the Terminal Railroad President. Taussig was almost paralyzed. I asked him for a 25 per cent rebate. He denied as emphatically as Mr. Scullin had that anybody, either corporation or individual, was getting a rebate beyond the 2½ per cent open to everybody.

"Dr. Taussig referred me to J. Ramsey, Jr., then general manager, and he and I had a go at it. He denied that rebates had ever been given, and I called in Tobias Burke, president of our association, who told Ramsey that he had been given a 7½ per cent rebate. Ramsey couldn't understand how such a thing was done without his knowledge, and asked Burke if he could buy any more tickets with such a rebate. Burke said he thought he could, as he had already bought $500 worth and distributed them among the members of the association. The effect of this was that we didn't get any more 7½ per cent rebate tickets. They would not have minded selling them to Burke, but they objected to his giving them out.

"We were in the fight to win, and when the third bridge proposition came up we indorsed it. Officials of the Wiggins Ferry and the Terminal Railroad Association approached me and said we were making a serious mistake in supporting the third bridge, as the association would receive no favors as long as it tried to put an opposition company in the field.

"I tried for weeks among my friends employed by both the bridge and the ferry to find out the amount of rebate the St. Louis Transfer Co. was getting, but didn't succeed.

"When the Illinois Senate Committee came here to make its investigation I went to a prominent railroad man and told him I was going to testify; that I had secured information as to the amount of rebates the St. Louis Transfer Co. and the St. Louis Drayage Co. were getting. He asked me what I wanted to do that for; that they were receiving 17 per cent discount each. That was the first direct information I had been able to get, and I gave it in evidence before the Senate Investigating Committee at the Planters' Hotel.

"On the first of this year the passes were shut off. Up to that time every boss transfer man had a pass and they naturally began kicking. Some of them blamed me and said if I hadn't stirred up the rebate matter they would have been better off. None of them seemed to realize that all this was the result of the strengthening of the pool and that it would have been done even if no mention had been made of rebates. Then the pool began to issue its own tickets, and instead of sending in bills by the 8th of the month we were forced to buy their tickets in advance. The disadvantage of this is apparent. The use of all that money is worth something to us, and the tickets are often sold, traded or lost, and we are out of pocket just that much.

"Now, some idea of the injustice of this 17 per cent rebate can be had when it is known that with, say 350 teams, the Transfer and Drayage companies do one-half of the total business. The Vehicle Owners' Association represents 2,500 transfer teams and freight wagons, among which the other half of the business is divided. The reason of this is that the discrimination in favor of those two companies knocks out the cream of the business. They can make rates to the big fellows that we can't touch and of course they get the business. If everybody could get that 17 per cent rebate most of the big business men would have their freight delivered by wagon from East St. Louis. It would be cheaper than the freight across the bridges or ferry."

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The Great Festival to Be Appropriately Celebrated in the Churches.

Christmas services at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church will begin Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock, when Rev. Fr. P. T. Quigley will celebrate solemn high mass. A succession of low masses will follow until 10:30, when another high mass will be celebrated, Rev. M. S. Brennan celebrant. Rev. Fr. Quigley will preach. The musical programme, under direction of Miss Agnes Kinnerk, is as follows: Before mass, "Adeste Fidelis;" first solemn mass, Mozart's "Twelfth Mass;" second solemn mass, Hayden's Second; offertory, Gilsinn's "Venite Adoremus," with violin, flute and organ accompaniment.

At the Trinity Episcopal Church, Channing and Franklin avenues, the services will begin at midnight to-night, starting with the processional hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful." The introit will be the eighth psalm. The mass is by B. Agutter in B-flat. During the offertory the anthem by Dr. Chas. Vincent, "Break Forth Into Joy," will be rendered, and the service will close with the recessional hymn, "Hark, the Holy Angels Sing." On Christmas Day at 11 o'clock a. m., the full choral service will be rendered. The choir will be augmented by volunteer singers from other churches.

At the Church of the Holy Communion, Leffingwell and Washington avenue, the following programme will be rendered at 11 o'clock: Organ and violin, "Adieu," Schubert; anthem, "Sing Oh Heavens," Tours; Venite, "Old Chant," Tallis; Gloria, "Festival," Mosenthal; Grand Te Deum, first time in St. Louis, Gounod; Festival Jubilate, Mosenthal; Offertory, "O Holy Night," Adam; soprano solo, violin obligato and chorus, Mrs. Geo. D. Barnett; anthem, "Blessed Is He," Gounod.

In the Mary E. Bofinger Memorial Chapel, Thirteenth and Locust streets, Rev. J. H. Cloud will administer holy communion at 10 o'clock Christmas Day for the deaf mutes of St. Thomas' Mission. Sermon by Rev. Cloud at 11 o'clock.

At the All Saints' Episcopal Church (colored) services will begin with a vigil at 11:30 this eve, followed by holy communion after midnight. A musical programme will be rendered.

On Christmas Day there will be services in the asylum, corner of Market and Seventh streets, by the Knights Templar of all commanderies of St. Louis. The ritual will be read by Rev. Dr. C. S. Sargent of Central Congregational Church, who will act as Prelate, and who will also deliver a sermon on the relation of Christ to the Sir Knights.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist Church, Glasgow avenue and Dayton street, will hold a sunrise prayer-meeting at 7 o'clock.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ninth and Dorcas streets, Christmas services will begin Wednesday morning with communion at 7:30 o'clock. Service and sermon at 10:45. Sunday-school Christmas tree, Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

CUMULATIVE VOTING.

Court of Appeals Decision Affecting Corporation Elections.

In a decision handed down Tuesday by the St. Louis Court of Appeals, the question of cumulative voting in corporation elections is considerably cleared up. The decision is of interest to stockholders in corporations, and may effect the validity of a number of elections of this kind.

This case grew out of the internal fight over the control of the Commercial Telegraph Company. Early in 1895 an election was held for directors, which resulted in the election of three directors of the majority faction and two of the minority faction. The stockholders of the minority faction cast a cumulative vote, and on the first ballot their candidates had a majority. The other faction then withdrew their ballots by permission of the inspectors and also cast a cumulative vote, which materially changed the result and enabled the majority faction to elect a majority of the directors.

The minority faction then applied in the Circuit Court for a writ of mandamus to compel the majority faction to cast up the vote as first cast. In short, the question involved, was the right to change the vote. The defendants demurred, but the demurrer was overruled and the writ was made imperative.

The Court of Appeals reversed this decision. It held that the election was an open one, and that the stockholders had a right to change their vote if they so desired. The law of cumulative voting was designed to protect the minority stockholders, but not to enable the minority to override the majority. In this case it appears that the minority elected two out of five directors, and it does not appear that by any subsequent election they could have elected any more. Hence the judgment is reversed and the mandamus is dismissed.

A YULETIDE WEDDING.

Burnham-Thayer Nuptials Will Be Celebrated This Evening.

Miss Ruth Thayer, the well-known singer, will be married this evening to Mr. Edmund A. Burnham, son of the pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

The ceremony will take place at 6 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Burnham officiating.

Miss Mary Burnham will be the only bridemaid and Mr. Nat Kalme best man.

Mr. Alfred Robyn will play the wedding march from Mendelssohn as the bridal party enter the church, and Mr. Benedict, the regular organist, will play the bridal chorus from Lohengrin as they pass out after the ceremony.

The bride will wear a pretty but simply fashioned gown of white satin, with garniture of tulle and carry lilies of the valley.

A reception will follow the ceremony at the Panters' House, where the father of the bride will assist in receiving the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnham will reside for the present with Dr. and Mrs. Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Gontard Return.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Gontard will return to St. Louis Tuesday after spending a week in the East. They will remain here during the holidays the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch, Mrs. Von Gontard's parents. A reception will be tendered them by Miss Elizabeth Schnaider next Thursday, and Miss Alice Orthwein will give a dinner the Saturday following. Mr. and Mrs. Von Gontard will sail from New York January 7 for their future home at Hagan, Westphalia, Germany.

A Successor for Dr. Drace.

Health Commissioner Starkloff Tuesday morning appointed Dr. Edward Thompson assistant dispensary physician to fill the vacancy caused by the departure for Africa of Dr. J. J. Drace, who left behind him a scandal of considerable proportions.

HIS ANTIPATHY FOR HOGS.

Moonshiner Williams Explains How He Was Led Astray.

John Williams, a Shannon County moonshiner, was sent from the City Jail to the City Hospital last week. He had sore eyes. That trouble is about over, but his general health is failing. He finds the confinement in the prison department of the hospital more trying than imprisonment in the jail, and fears he may contract a mortal ailment if he remains long on the sick list. He is in the paradoxical condition of having to get well to avoid getting sick.

Williams attributes all his troubles to his hogs. As he told the story to a Post-Dispatch reporter it was this way: The mast was very light in Shannon County in 1894 and Williams' hogs had trouble in picking up a living. They grew gaunt and wild, and the prospect for a supply of meat was bad. Mrs. Williams lost heart, and from a plump, well-made matron she became thin, sallow and despondent.

Moonshining is not regarded as complacently by the people of Shannon County as it is in the mountainous parts of some of the Southern States, but it is not in the category of deadly sins. There is a fair sprinkling of Georgians among the inhabitants, and they have educated many of the native Missourians in the mysteries of the still-house, and convinced them that a man has as clear a moral right to make whisky of his corn as he has to turn it into pork or beef.

One of these converts to the moonshine faith noted the condition of Williams' hogs and suggested that the refuse of a still-house would be a fine thing for them. Then he invited Williams to come over and see him and his friends make whisky. Williams did so and ultimately became a partner in the illicit business. The shiners had a copper still with a capacity of 70 gallons. They sold the product for from $1.50 to $2 a gallon. Their meal cost them 50 cents a bushel and the corn sprouts to ferment it about 10 cents. A bushel of meal will produce two gallons of whisky. Thus it will be seen the profit was large. Williams prospered as a moonshiner and his wife got plump and comely again and the hogs got fat and lazy.

Williams liked the whisky he made and kept a jug on tap for all comers. One day a revenue officer dropped in and after sampling the "dew" concluded it hadn't passed the Government examination. An investigation followed and there was a raid resulting in the arrest of Williams and four others.

"An' that's what makes me hate a hawg," concluded Williams. "Ef 'twant for them pigs of mine, I'd be a free man right now."

WHOLESALE GROCERS.

Several Important Topics Discussed at Last Night's Meeting.

An important meeting of the wholesale grocers of St. Louis was held at the Southern Hotel Monday night. There was an informal dinner, followed by a general discussion of the grocery business.

The meeting was presided over by E. G. Scudder, with twenty-six members present, including Jacob Furth, Joseph W. Goddard, W. E. Schweppe, L. A. Anderson, Jas. W. Anderson, W. K. Roth, Louis Landau, L. J. Peck, F. H. Biemes, Fritz Goebel, Max Bodenheimer, Chas. C. Clark, Richard and C. F. Blanke, F. D. Seward, Charles Gildehaus, A. Moll, John C. Meeks, Henry Meyer, Louis W. Buschmann and others. The Chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to draw up a programme for the annual meeting to be held in January.

W. E. Schweppe and others discussed the superseding of the Traffic Commission by the Transportation Department of the Business Men's League. The opinions expressed were that the present arrangement is not satisfactory. But one grocery firm in the city is affiliated with the Business Men's League, and the grocery interests are not, it is claimed, considered of great importance by the Transportation Department. No action was taken, but the question will receive further attention at the annual meeting.

A communication was received from the Merchants' Exchange requesting the cooperation of the grocers in the project of Isaac M. Mason and Web M. Samuel to deepen the Mississippi River channel south of St. Louis. The chair was instructed to appoint a committee to render all possible assistance.

The discrimination against St. Louis practiced by the United States Government in buying supplies for the Western military posts was generally discussed. The military posts are all more directly tributary to St. Louis than to any other primary supply market, yet nearly all of the provisions are purchased in Chicago.

A committee will be appointed Friday to take up the question with the St. Louis members of Congress, with a view to having these orders placed in St. Louis.

DIDN'T ROB THE CONDUCTOR.

"Skull" Ward's Street Car Fight Was Not a Success.

"Skull," alias Martin Ward, a saloon-keeper at Ashley and Collins streets, is under arrest at the Fourth District Station and is suspected of attempting to rob Conductor John Raney of car No. 15 on the Cass Avenue Street Railway Tuesday night.

Ward and an unknown man got on the west-bound car at Seventh and Carr streets about 9:20 o'clock, and when the car had passed Ninth street on Cass avenue Ward's companion struck Raney and the men had a fight on the platform. The trolley came off, leaving the car in darkness, and the passengers shouted "police." Ward and his companion jumped off and ran to Eleventh street and Cass avenue, where Ward was arrested in Timothy's saloon by Sergt. McFarland and Officer McCarty. The other fellow escaped. Ward denies knowing the man.

Capt. Phillips had Conductor Raney call at the station Tuesday and he identified Ward as one of his assailants. Raney said: "Two men got on the car and one of them asked me what I was mad about. I told him to mind his own business and both of them struck me. I fell on the platform and they tried to go through my pockets, but failed and ran away. There was no attempt to hold up the car and no guns were displayed."

Ward keeps a tough joint in the Third District and part of the "Snake" Kenney gang are his associates, although he has no police record. He denied any implication in the affair and said: "Some young fellow got on the car just after I did, but I don't know him. He and the conductor had a row about change, and when the fight began, I fell off the car in the mud. I was pretty drunk and went into Martin Timothy's saloon to wash off the mud. There I was arrested. I didn't attempt to rob any one, and the conductor, who is a fresh guy, was responsible for the row."

Capt. Phillips will fully investigate the case. Ward will probably be charged with disturbing the peace.

EX-CONFEDERATES MAY FIGHT.

Political Disabilities Bill Passed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The Senate to-day, without even dividing, passed the bill to remove the political disabilities of ex-Confederates.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate: Postmasters: Lyde A. Keagy, Cambridge, Ill.; George W. Blair, La Moni, Io.; John L. Pettijohn, Olathe, Kan.; Frank R. Matthews, Raton, N. M.; James M. Portwood, Amarillo, Tex.; Sallie Spivey, Henderson, Tex.

Treasury: To be Second Assistant Engineers in the Revenue Cutter Service: Daniel W. Blake of Mississippi; Albert C. Norman, Kentucky; Henry K. Spencer, Wisconsin; Taylor W. Ross, Indiana; Milton W. Thompson, Pennsylvania.

State: Robert S. Chilton, Jr., District of Columbia, Chief of Consular Bureau, Department of State.

War—Lieut.-Col. Amos Stickney, Corps of Engineers; Maj. William Huer, Corps of Engineers; Maj. Thomas Henry Handbury, Corps of Engineers, to be members of the Missouri River Commission; also Maj. Thomas Henry Handbury, Engineer Corps, member Mississippi River Commission.

SEARCHED THE PUPILS.

Principal Hall Took Stringent Measures to Recover a Teacher's Stolen Purse.

The parents of the children who attend the Pope School are indignant over a startling departure from the daily exercises indulged in one day last week.

Miss Lulu Kayser is the teacher in Room No. 5, and shortly after the dinner hour she discovered that her pocket-book, containing a little over $35, was missing. Miss Kayser had brought the money to school intending to do some Christmas shopping in the afternoon.

She was going to buy presents to give away, but she had serious objections to giving away all of them in one lump, so she sent for Mr. J. W. Hall, the principal, and put the matter in his hands. Mr. Hall began an investigation and commenced his inquiries in the dinner room, where it was thought Miss Kayser might possibly have misplaced her purse. It was not found there, and then Mr. Hall was in trouble.

He made up his mind very strictly to find the money. He informed the teacher and pupils of room No. 5 that everybody would have to remain after school until the money was found. This caused a great deal of dissatisfaction to all, but two of the children there two had notes from their parents asking that they might be excused at an early hour, and Mr. Hall had already told them they could go home.

Just as they were leaving he decided that something ought to be done before they left, and so took them out into the wardrobe, and unknown to the other pupils asked them to empty their pockets. After a little urging they consented, but nothing was found except some nails, several yards of string, two or three marbles, a knife and other nicknacks dear to the schoolboy's heart.

While this search was being conducted the lessons were going on as usual in No. 5. The afternoon wore on and finally the hands of the clock pointed to 2:30 and the children put away their books and got ready to be dismissed. In a few minutes the pupils in the other rooms were heard tramping through the halls, but the doors of No. 5 remained closed and Mr. Hall was occupying the teacher's chair. Occasionally he interrupted the stillness by a little spontaneous speech on honesty, which had no apparent effect.

The time passed slowly. Three o'clock struck, and no pocket book was produced. The children were beginning to get fidgety. Soon it was 3:30 o'clock, and still no pocket book showed up, and the children were getting pretty tired. Mr. Hall began to fear that the inquisition method would not bring to light the missing money. By 4 o'clock the children were ready to rebel, and many were the whispered threats made against the boy—for, of course, every one thought it must be a boy—who was the cause of all the trouble.

At last Mr. Hall concluded that something must be done and he told the children that they must allow themselves to be searched. The pupils were anxious to get away and the majority of them were willing to submit to this plan and those that were not could not help themselves.

Mr. Hall began with the child nearest the door and as soon as one would empty his pockets and desk, he or she was allowed to go home. In a few minutes Mr. Hall came across the pocket-book, not in a boy's desk but in that of a little 12-year-old girl.

Most of the children had gone home and the rest were dismissed, the little girl, Mr. Hall and the teacher remaining alone. Explanations were asked for and the child said she did not know how the money had been placed in her desk. She told her story in so straightforward a manner, and Miss Kayser was so glad to get her money back, that nothing more was done and the little girl was not suspended.

Mr. Hall thought no more of the matter, but Monday morning several of the parents of the children who had been searched called on Mr. Hall and expressed their indignation at the way their children had been treated. Mr. Hall explained that under the circumstances he had only done what was best, even if he had overstepped his authority a little, and the ladies departed, their anger a little appeased.

CHRISTMAS IN THE JAIL.

Mr. Wagner Will Supply a Christmas Tree and Plenty of Chicken.

Jailer Wagner says he is going to do everything in his power to make Christmas as pleasant as possible for the prisoners in his keeping. Besides furnishing a Christmas dinner of turkey, chicken, vegetables, rice pudding and apples, he has bought a large Christmas tree which he is going to place in the jail "yard" in full view of all the cells. The tree will be barren of presents but will be brilliantly illuminated with colored candles.

Jailer Wagner says he thinks the sight of the tree will have a wholesome effect on the prisoners, inasmuch as it will cause them to compare their present position at Yuletide with that of previous years.

COURT ROOM ROBBERS.

Periodical Looting of the Second Police District Tribunal.

Thieves paid the Second District Police Court their periodical visit Monday night in their professional capacity. This is the sixth time in as many months they have "touched" the Marshal's property desk. The last robbery occured about two weeks ago. Then Henry Erb, the Chief Deputy Marshal, expended $22 in having the desk riveted with steel bars and plates.

The burglars got a few revolvers and other articles owned by prisoners. They amused themselves awhile by firing off pistols in the court room, and then departed.

Erb says the police have a clew this time and arrests will follow. One of the fellows left a trinket behind which has been identified. Their tools were also found.

FEELS IT COMING ON.

Herman Krohlmann Has Himself Locked Up When He Gets Crazy.

Herman Krohlmann of 506 Gano avenue is a most considerate lunatic. He is subject to spells of insanity and when he feels them coming on he quietly repairs to the City Dispensary and is sent to the City Hospital, where he is put in a cell and kept till he recovers.

Last week Krohlmann spent three days at the hospital. At the end of that time his wife took him home. Monday afternoon he felt another insane spell coming on and he hastened to the City Dispensary. He is now at the City Hospital raving like a demon.

ELECTION COMMITTEE.

President Brockman Appoints the Men Who Will Run the Election.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon President Brockman of the School Board appointed his Election Committee as follows:

J. B. Ulrich, Chairman; C. W. Hequembourg, E. E. Lacey, John P. Collins, John H. Dieckman, Nicholas Berg, John Sheahan.

The committee will prepare the poll books, appoint the judges and direct the count of votes at the election March 3.

The only minority member is Lacey.

Increased Its Capital Stock.

The Weas & Boogher Dry Goods Co. has increased its capital stock from $450,000 to $800,000. The assets are given at $1,357,739 and the liabilities at $920,952.

Rockaway Electric Co. Receiver.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—J. B. Bennet of Brooklyn has been appointed receiver of the Rockaway Electric Light Co. The liabilities are $100,000 and the assets $15,000.

'Frisco Fast Limited.

Runs from St. Louis to Galveston, through Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

A REAL PARANOIAC.

James W. Beecher, Who Has One Delusion, Returned to the Asylum.

It took a jury in the Probate Court just ten minutes Monday afternoon, after hearing the evidence, to return a verdict declaring James W. Beecher to be insane.

Beecher accepted the verdict philosophically and smilingly remarked that he would make another attempt next year which would prove successful. The choice of his own guardian was left to Beecher, and he said he would think the matter over and tell his attorney.

Experts consider Beecher's case the most perfect example of paranoia extant. His delusion is that he is an agent of a powerful organization to expose and punish corruption in public life. According to him he has been doing this kind of work since 1874, when he received a commission from Gen. Grant. Beecher's own testimony was as damaging to himself as any given against him. He explained a great "Taxpayers' League" scheme, whose secrets, he claims, will be given to the [illegible] by him after Jan. 1, 1896. Beecher [illegible] that he was instrumental in bringing about every expose of political corruption in recent years.

There was not a saner looking man present at his own trial than Beecher. His delicately chiseled features and open countenance and his bright, clear eyes showed great intelligence. Except as to his delusions, Beecher is perfectly rational. At times during the trial he insisted on cross-examining some of the witnesses against him, and his questions were direct and to the point.

He seemed to fully comprehend the nature of the evidence against him and when the trial was over admitted that the jury could do nothing else than return a verdict against him.

During Beecher's long residence in Franklin County his delusions kept him continually in hot water, and he was indicted for numerous petty offenses, but was never tried for any of them. He has been in the St. Louis Insane Asylum since 1892 and has made repeated attempts to get out. He is a great letter writer and his letters show great ability. John M. Glover was once appointed by Judge Edmunds to investigate the case and he considered Beecher insane.

Besides the expert testimony many prominent citizens of Franklin County were present to tell what they knew about Beecher. Judge Gallenkamp, Sheriff Terry, Circuit Clerk Weimer and ex-Prosecuting Attorney Bolte all testified. Attorney Ben Schnurmacher represented the Sheriff against whom the information was filed, while James L. Hopkins appeared for Beecher. Beecher was taken back to the asylum. He went cheerfully enough.

MAN AND MONEY MISSING.

George King, Treasurer of Monitor Lodge, Has Skipped Out.

George King, master of the exchequer of Monitor Lodge, No. 68, Knights of Pythias, and treasurer of the local Pythian Relief Fund, has left for parts unknown. Fellow lodge members say that he is nearly $2,000 short in his accounts. The missing funds consist of $1,450 belonging to the general fund of the lodge and $500 to the relief fund.

The lodge is protected to the extent of $1,000, as King gave them security for that amount with the American Surety Co.

King has been a member of Monitor Lodge for several years. Twelve months ago he embarked in the manufacturing of shoe blacking. He failed, gave up his place of business and continued manufacturing in a small way at his home, 1431 Webster avenue. It is said that the lodge money was eaten up in King's unfortunate business speculation.

Several weeks ago the annual election was held by Monitor Lodge, and King was again chosen master of the exchequer. Jacob Bongner, Past Chancellor, opposed him on the ground that an unsuccessful business man was not the proper person to handle the lodge's funds. When King was re-elected, Bongner introduced a resolution that $1,000 of the lodge money should be placed out at interest. The motion carried, and the money was to have been turned over to the lodge last Friday.

On Thursday King gave his wife $3 and left, saying he was going to St. Charles, Mo. That was the last seen or heard from him.

An examination of the lodge books showed that all the check stubs had been torn out. At the Citizens' Bank it was found that only 52 cents was on deposit to the lodge's credit.

Mrs. King is prostrated over her husband's action. She is in destitute circumstances.

NEW ELECTRIC ROADS.

Important Extensions to Be Made by the Southern and Southwestern.

There will be two important street railroad extensions in the extreme south end of the city during the coming summer that promise to do much for the development of that section.

The Southern Electric Road has a franchise for a double track road to the South St. Louis cemeteries that must be carried out. The extension will leave the main line on Broadway at Bates street, going west to Gravois avenue, thence south on Gravois to Loughborough avenue, and east to Broadway.

This portion of the city is as yet unsettled, but its development promises to begin as soon as the road is under way. Property has already begun to enhance in value throughout the district.

An important feautre of the new line will be the facilities afforded for reaching SS. Peter's and Paul's, St. Mark's and the several smaller cemeteries in the South End. The only means of reaching them at present is a line of 'busses starting at Broadway and Bates street. The new line will also pass Carondelet Park.

It is the purpose of the Southern Electric management to issue transfers to the main line, both at Bates street and Loughborough avenue. This company also has a franchise to extend its main line from its present terminus at Klausmann's to Jefferson Barracks.

In the early spring the new Seventh street line will begin to build its extension from the present terminus, at Chippewa street and Grand avenue, out Chippewa to the Morgan Ford road. This section of the city is thickly settled, but is without adequate street car facilities.

The right to build this extension is included in the original franchise of the road. The Southwestern is a part of the Hamilton system.

Real Estate Transfers.

ELEVENTH ST.—50 feet, west line, lot 16, city block 531; Max Pelser to Chas. Hirschbaum—quit claim	$ 830
PENNSYLVANIA AV.—50 feet, east line, lots 51 and 56, city block 2078; Empire Investment Co. to Johanna Mueller—warranty	900
EVANS AV.—48 feet 8 inches, north line, undivided half interest several lots, in city block 3727; Imperial Investment Co. to August Heman—quit claim	1
EVANS AV.—18.8 1-6, north side, undivided half interest in eastern 48 feet 8 inches of lot 15, city block 3727; August Heman and wife to Imperial Investment Co.—quit claim	1
PENNSYLVANIA AV.—141.2 feet, east line, lots 52, 53, 54, 55 and 58, city block 2078; Empire Investment Co. to Julius Pitzman—warranty	2,200
GRAND AV.—50 feet, south line, lot 10, city block 2445; Thos. Haslan and wife to Edward J. Hanschulte—warranty	8,000
NEBRASKA AV.—50 feet, east line, lots 53 and 54, city block 2077; Henry Hiemenz, Jr., trustee, to Julius Pitzman—warranty	2,750
GRAND AV.—50 feet, south line, lot 10, city block 2445; Edward J. Hanschulte to Catherine Hoolan—warranty	8,000
FOURTH ST.—46 feet, west line lot in city block 107; Julia Francis et al. to John H. Bottman—warranty	10,250
LINDEN ST.—40 feet, north line, lot in city block 825; B. C. Greer & Sons R. E. Co. to R. M. Quigley—warranty	……
COMPTON AV.—50 feet, west line, lots 37 and 38, city block 1435; H. A. Homeyer and wife to Thos. M. Dunn—warranty	23,075
SECOND ST.—53 feet 4 inches, west line, city block 52; F. M. Allen and wife, by trustee, to F. Abel—trustee's deed	450
CITY BLOCK 1913, Clark's sub-division, 28.20 acres, undivided one-sixth interest lots 11 and 12; Nancy E. Hunter to Stephen B. Hunter and wife—warranty	1,500
SHENANDOAH ST.—50 feet, south line, lot 10, block 2111; Frank D. Woodlock to Marc J. Gunter—warranty	1,850
SHENANDOAH ST.—25 feet, south line, west one-half lot 19, city block 2111; Marc J. Gunter and wife to Arthur P. McDonald—warranty	825
FINNEY AV.—25 feet north line, lot in city block 3746; F. W. Fout and wife to Henry Troll—quit claim	30

BEST CANDIES. TREE DECORATIONS.

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HEROES OF THE FLOOD.

Two Brothers Rescue Thirteen People From a Sea of Waters.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Russell brothers, the oldest of whom is not yet 16 years of age, are heroes in the vicinity of Smithfield. During the big flood two families, camped on the White Farm, were missing and were supposed to have been drowned.

These boys began a search for them and found them, thirteen men, women and children, on a wagon box on a haystack with a mile of water around them in every direction.

The unfortunates had been there twenty-four hours in cold and storm and were nearly exhausted. The lads conveyed them, two at a time, to a place of safety.

FIERCE TEXAS STORMS.

Wrecks, Washouts and Delays Caused by a Deluge.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 24.—Last night's storms were more severe on railroads in Texas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory than any other for years. Trains centering at Dallas are from six to eighteen hours behind schedule time, and some cannot be heard from at all.

Washouts and wrecks are reported, one particularly bad wreck on the Santa Fe, but at what point or how serious cannot be learned here.

The wind from 7 o'clock until 6 this morning was terrific in its force, and the rain came in a deluge. It is believed the ground was benefited in all the farming districts so that grand crops are assured all over Texas for next year.

Flood Losses Near Peoria.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—The stage of the river to-day is 13.7 feet. There is no damage done yet near this city. It is still raining to-day. Farmers who have corn cribbed on lowlands will be large losers. Several small bridges have been washed away.

HORRORS IN ARMENIA.

Son of the Ex-Treasurer of Turkey Discusses the Outrages.

H. H. Tapakyan of Constantinople, Turkey, son of the ex-Treasurer of the Turkish Government, is at the Planters' Hotel.

Mr. Tapakyan was one of the commissioners from Turkey to the World's Fair. He is an Armenian. After his return to Turkey his father was forced to resign his position as Treasurer, and the family estate, valued at several million dollars, was confiscated by the Government.

He is in this country on an important mission. He is interesting Congressmen and other influential men all over the country in behalf of the ufortunate Armenians in Turkey. He was seated in his room in the Planters' Hotel when a Post-Dispatch reporter called.

He speaks English fluently, with a slight foreign accent. He is a tall, well-built man of pleasing address.

"I have just heard from my father," said he. "Affairs in Turkey are growing worse every day, according to what he writes. The papers contain information every day about European nations interfering. It is not so. They are fighting among themselves and the Sultan is running the place to suit himself. England has created much excitement by sending its warships to the scene. But she is doing that merely to protect her own interests, while the Armenians are being rapidly butchered and done away with.

"They won't even give them a chance to get out of the country. My father writes that an old friend of mine was shot while trying to get passage on a steamer.

"I don't like to say much about this, owing to the fact that my parents and relatives are still in Turkey, and it would certainly go hard for them if perchance the officials should ever hear of this. The trouble will never subside until America interferes. While the European powers are fighting among themselves Turkey's affairs are going on unnoticed. Each one is waiting for the other to act and already two years have passed with no change for the better. The Sultan is making every effort to keep America off his heels. Strict orders were issued that American missionaries should not be molested. Through these missionaries many Armenian lives have been saved. But those who have not been killed outright are dying from starvation. Up to date fifty-three Armenian villages have been desroyed by fire. Inhabitants of once happy homes are living in woods and mountains like wild beasts.

"The real trouble began two years ago, through orders from the Sultan. Under pretense of having received reports that an Armenian uprising was brewing he issued orders to have them give up all firearms, or weapons they possessed. Public squares were utilized to store the arms, and mountains of rifles were stacked there. After that Government soldiers were ordered to search all of the houses and Armenians who disobeyed the law were sentenced to death or banishment.

"The facts are these: The Sultan wanted to rid the country of Armenians. He thought he could do it under the guise of breaking up a rebellious party. My father and other Armenians resigned their positions. Then American newspaper correspondents exposed the affair. The massacre of helpless Armenians attracted attention all over the world. I recently visited Washington and talked to several Congressmen on the subject. During my visit to the World's Fair I met many American gentlemen of note. I will now endeavor to interest them on behalf of the Armenians.

"Ex-Gov. Francis, Congressman Cobb and others of this city are my personal friends. I think with proper backing I can get Congress to act. If America takes a hand, European countries will open their eyes and the trouble will soon be over.

"In a recent letter from home I learn that 800 Armenians were killed right in the capital. I will go from here to Chicago and will return home in June."

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Exercises at the Public Schools on the Day Before Christmas.

Christmas was celebrated at nearly all St. Louis schools Tuesday with exercises by the pupils. The school rooms, especially the kindergartens, were tastefully decorated. Old Santa paid a personal visit to the Laclede, Shields, Jefferson, Jackson, Franklin, Chouteau, Lincoln, Crow, Bates, Dumas and L'Ouverture kindergartens this morning. The Webster kindergarten will hold exercises in a hall on Twelfth and North Market streets to-night. The Shields and Clinton schools held exercises Monday night. All schools closed at noon Tuesday and will reopen on Jan. 2.

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FOR BOODLE AND BLOOD.

W. H. Baker Loses His Roll on a Long Drawn Out Game of Poker.

It was a case of Greek meet Greek when W. H. Baker, Max Gumpert and Lawrence Varner, the "New Harmonie Kid," engaged in a little game of draw-poker. They all started in to play Saturday night, and kept the ante going until Monday afternoon, when the pleasure party broke up in a scrap.

Gumpert and the "Kid" are a pair of "sure thing" gamblers. The former also enjoys the distinction of being a member of the "Big Mit" gang. He was in the play when Broker Bob Golson was given the double-cross at Hennessey's Jefferson avenue resort, and not long ago it is said he gave Billy Fletcher, a young sport from De Soto, the "mit" for $500 in a crooked dice game.

When the poker game started it was Gumpert's and the "Kid's" money against Baker's. First the "Kid" would play a hand, then Gumpert would take a turn. Baker knows a thing or two himself, having formerly been interested in an East St. Louis saloon. Many a guileless stranger was given the "finger" in dice games there. So he wasn't going it blind when he sat in the game. In fact he didn't think they would have nerve enough to try to work him, but they did.

The hands dealt Baker were invariably good, but his opponent always managed to top him. Baker grew suspicious. He watched the cards closely and noticed they were marked. Then he declared himself, demanding the return of his money, of which he claimed he had been robbed.

This statement precipitated a general row, during the progress of which Baker was struck over the head with the butt of a revolver. Nearly blinded with blood, Baker made his way to the City Dispensary. There Dr. Newcomb patched him up.

Baker told the doctor he was a traveling salesman and had been decoyed into a game. He claimed to have been worked for $750, and said the game was run at 810 Chestnut street.

Baker is now living at 1210 Chestnut street. He told a Post-Dispatch reporter he only lost $100.

Choral Symphony Society.

Mr. W. A. Wegener, the Chicago singer who will take the tenor part in the Choral Symphony Society's production of the Messiah, studied under the celebrated Prof. Gustav Engel of the Royal Academy, Berlin, and was a protege of the famous violinist and Director Joachim, under whose direction he took the tenor parts in such works as Bach's "Magnificent," Mozart's "Requiem," Haydn's "Creation," and Mendelssohn's "St Paul." He also sang with great success in opera. The Berliner Tageblatt speaking of his performance in the "Creation" said: "The tenor, William Wegener, an American, was entrancing."

Vehicle Owners.

The St. Louis Vehicle Owners' Association held its semi-monthly meeting at Nies' Hall, Fourth street and Franklin avenue, Monday night. The following officers were elected:

Charles Sanders, President; Charles Balmer, First Vice-President; Louis D. Meyer, Second Vice-President; William Klackenbrink, Recording Secretary; John Sullivan, Financial Secretary; Daniel Donovan, Traffic Manager; Samuel Goodstine, Collector; Wm. H. Kruse, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Executive Board: Charles J. Devlin, John P. Sweeney, William Balmer, George Chapman, George W. Allen, Thomas Conley, Geo. Jansen.

THE TRUST AFTER NO-TO-BAC.

Estimated That Half a Million Tobacco Users Will be Cured in '96 by the Use of No-To-Bac, Causing a Loss of Many Millions of Dollars to Tobacco Manufacturers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—[Special.]—It was reported to-day that a large sum of money had been offered the proprietors of the cure for the tobacco habit called "no-to-bac," which is famous all over the country for its wonderful effect. This offer, it was said, was made by parties who desire to take it off the market and stop its sale, because of its injury to the tobacco business. Mr. H. L. Kramer, general manager of the no-to-bac business, was interviewed at his office, 45 Randolph street, and when questioned, promptly said:

"No, sir; no-to-bac is not for sale to the tobacco trust. We just refused a half million from other parties for our business. Certainly no-to-bac affects the tobacco business. It will cure over a half million people in 1896, at an average saving of $50 which each would otherwise expend for tobacco, amounting in round figures to $25,000,000. Of course manufacturers' and dealers' loss is the gain of the party taking no-to-bac. Does no-to-bac benefit physically? Yes, sir. The majority of our patients report an immediate gain in flesh, and their nicotine saturated systems are cleansed and made vigorous. How is no-to-bac sold? Principally through our traveling agents. We employ over a thousand. It is also sold by druggists, wholesale and retail throughout the United States and Canada. How are patients assured that no-to-bac will affect a cure in their case? We absolutely guarantee three boxes, costing $2.50, to cure any case. Failure to cure means the money back. Of course there are failures, but they are few, and we can better afford to have the good will of an occasional failure than his money. We publish a little book called "Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away," that tells all about no-to-bac, which will be mailed free to anyone desiring it by addressing the Sterling Remedy Co., 45-49 Randolph street, Chicago."

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November 10	85,258
November 17	85,441
November 24	87,725
December 1	85,874
December 8	85,671
December 15	85,559
December 22	86,917
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G. W. JONES, Business Manager.

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(Seal.) HARRY M. DUHRING,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.
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INVESTIGATION EXTRAORDINARY.

Chairman Heckel of the City Hall Investigating Committee is credited with the admission that the committee has knowledge of evidence of crookedness which it has not attempted to bring out. He is also quoted as saying that he knows the investigation has been diverted from its original channel for the purpose of shielding certain persons.

President McMath meets the suggestion that he is to be made a scapegoat with intimations that certain persons are trying to shift their own wrong-doing to his shoulders and that he has startling information which he may conclude to make public.

What is the meaning of this sort of talk? Who are the powerful persons that are being shielded?

As Chairman of the Investigating Committee, Mr. Heckel has the power to make the investigation effective. Why does he permit information to be suppressed and the investigation diverted?

As President of the Board of Public Improvements, Mr. McMath is in duty bound to expose rascality. Why did he not give the information he possesses when he was on the witness stand?

The Post-Dispatch has made public facts indicating crookedness, which the committee should bring to light. Are these intimations of hidden facts and these covert threats intended as clubs to bring guilty officials into subjection and to coerce the men mixed up in the City Hall scandal into suppressing information of wrong-doing?

There is good ground for the fear of the Republicans that the City Hall investigation will disgrade the Administration.

STOP THE WAR TALK.

Now that provision has been made for full investigation of the Venezuelan boundary question by a commission, it would be dignified to stop all war talk till the commission reports. Before the commission had been decided upon and while matters were threatening and the country aroused, all sorts of speculations as to war were natural and interesting. It is time now to think of other things.

The commission will take some time to make its investigation. It will probably be months before it will feel competent to make a report the outcome of which may be so momentous. There is important and pressing work to be done, of course, in preparation for the contingency of war, but that is better done without trumpeting.

It is folly to go wool-gathering about a remote contingency and to indulge in idle boasts, threats and over-the-fence chatter about a fighting possibility. The American people have serious work to do pushing the business revival and preparing for the momentous political struggle which may more deeply concern their future welfare than the British dispute.

The patriot is ready to talk war and act war when war is imminent. But he recognizes that it is an evil at best, and is silent when talk of war descends to mere tattle and other duties demand his energies. It is the jingo who goes on gesticulating and putting up his fists long after the occasion requires pugnacity.

BUSINESS IS SAFE.

The marked improvement in the stock market and the general revival of confidence in American securities prove the correctness of the Post-Dispatch's view that the alleged panic was a speculators' flurry. It was nothing more than a bear raid.

Industry and trade were slightly affected, if at all. While the London and New York gamblers were in a fever of excitement the business men were calmly pursuing the even tenor of their way. The recovery of prices shows that the enormous losses were mere changes from the pocket of one speculator to the pocket of another.

The fact that business was so slightly affected by the flurry is a most reassuring sign. It demonstrates the sound condition of trade. It shows that the rising tide of prosperous activity is too strong to be checked by sudden scares in the stock markets. The prospect of profitable returns are too good to keep prices low and money in retirement.

Color is given to the suspicion that some of the excitement was wholly artificial, to help Wall street's monetary policy and the bond scheme along by the President's quick use of it to scare Congress into gold-standard, corporation-credit legislation. This is the ugliest feature of the incident.

Business is safe and the scare has turned out fortunately in that it promises to do more for bimetallism than for the single gold standard.

TWO VALUABLE LESSONS.

Two valuable lessons may be gathered from the circumstances of the Philadelphia street-car strike which has just been brought to an end by mutual concessions.

One is that the time to resort to arbitration is before hostilities begin. In the agreement of the company and its employes, which was arrived at through the good offices of outside parties, both sides yielded a part of their claims. The company recognizes the union and redressed some of the grievances of the men. The men abated some of their demands.

But while the strike has been on the company and the men have lost $500,000, and the business of the city has greatly suffered from the stoppage of traffic. The people have been subjected to great hardships. The agreement could have been reached as well before as after the strike.

Another lesson is that of the danger of consolidation of street-car lines without the strongest safeguards against oppression. Street-car managers who favor consolidation assert that it is good for the public because it enables the companies to save expenses and to give better service for less money.

The experience of Philadelphia effectually disposes of this argument. Consolidation of the street-car lines there was a curse to both the public and the employes. Having established a monopoly free from competition, the consolidated companies imposed harder terms on the men and raised fares. All transfers were at once cut off. The course of the monopoly was so outrageous that despite the hardships caused by the stoppage of traffic and the violence arising from the strike, public sympathy was solidly on the side of the men. The people refused to ride in cars run by new men.

When the street-car companies want to get rid of competition and reduce expenses by consolidation, it is not for the benefit of the public, but for dividends. All the benefits the public get from monopoly must be wrung from it.

MUTUAL LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. Charles De Kay, United States Consul-General at Berlin, describes in the Consular Reports for December a most interesting and useful form of mutual loan association that has been highly successful in Germany. The spread of such associations in that country has resulted in the small farmer and trader being able to do business without the aid of the usurer. American farmers and others who have suffered from the effects of usury would do well to study the organization of such societies. Such a system is as badly needed in America as it was in Germany.

These German bodies are known as Raiffeisen Associations, after their founder. Their strength consists in unlimited liability. Their rules are the result of long experience and are very strict. They have been proved to be so safe that the banks have declared themselves ready to grant the associations credit, merely on the ground of their unlimited liability and without asking for any other guaranty.

These associations are not building associations. They enable persons of small means to transact any kind of business. The association has two forms, one adapted to rural communities, where long loans are preferable, and the other so organized as to supply the requirements of city traders in a small way. The country associations enable the members to supply themselves with stocks of seeds, fertilizers, fodder, fuel and flour, without recourse to the usurer for advances.

This system of co-operation has extended itself and became so well organized that no less than 605 Raiffeisen Associations have united in an organization known as a Landesverband. In the year 1894 it did a business amounting to $1,900,000.

When a business man puts his advertisement in the Post-Dispatch it is of little consequence whether or not he puts the same thing in any of the Post-Dispatch's local contemporaries. By making use of the Post-Dispatch he is independent of the other papers.

If Ella Wheeler Wilcox believes she was once a cat, she is doubtless free from the feminine terror always so conspicuous when a mouse suddenly appears.

St. Louis is not a coast city. She would stand substantial and solid through a long, fierce war. Investors would do well to make a note of this highly important advantage of the metropolis of the great valley.

All the parties are at liberty to put in a Monroe doctrine plank, and this is well. The fires of patriotism, not adding to the heat of the campaign, may impart a certain geniality that will tend to soften the asperities of politics.

Vanderbilt is a dull fellow, who is too stupid to see that a man who may possibly be named for the Presidency must necessarily be outspoken on the Monroe doctrine. The people sympathize with Mr. Depew.

Several clauses are written in the Constitution that were not there when the civil war began, and the international code will have a new clause or two when the Venezuelan dispute is over.

It seems that lady lawyers in New Jersey are not required to remove their hats in court. Surely, man is the down-trodden sex. He is allowed to wear his hat nowhere indoors.

If war should break out, the interviews of Gen. Miles would be excellent guides for the English to the weak places in our defense, as well as to the weak spot in our army.

There is something for all to live for. The new Manhattan Athletic Club is teaching the beautiful and useful art of carrying a lighted candle while swimming.

Cannon to right of him, cannon to left of him and cannon all around him, Mr. Bull is justified in substituting sweet songs of peace for discordant battle cries.

If Chief Justice Fuller should do no better for the Monroe doctrine than he did for the income tax law, we shall not be much ahead internationally.

If the lessons in mud which we have been getting in this rainy December do not move us to improved streets, we shall well deserve to sink deeper.

An increase in the price of plumbers' brass goods may help those excellent citizens to explain any seeming inaccuracy in their winter bills.

Perhaps the soul of Mr. Hinrichsen, who says that war is necessary, is joyed and lifted up as often as he beholds a cripple.

If Mr. Bull had watched Don Dickinson's whiskers he would sooner have known which way the wind was blowing.

With all the Missouri lead that would be fired into him in an American war, Mr. Bull would be greatly demoralized.

The Monroe doctrine as a Christmas gift to Venezuela, at Mr. Bull's expense, is eminently appropriate to the season.

Though Thomas Reed was a paymaster in the navy in his country's darkest hour, his chairmanships may wreck him.

In Kentucky it seems now to depend upon Tony Carroll whether or not Miss Allendale is to sing.

The Democrats in Congress cannot do better than to oppose tinkering with the tariff this winter.

As the newspapers do not stop for Christmas, why should the Congressman "lay off?"

In passing a tariff bill the House may pass the Speaker's Presidential prospects.

There be Senators who hold that the war cloud should have a silver lining.

Miss Columbia would not be surprised to find her stocking full of powder.

The Czar of the House is Tom Platt, not Tom Reed.

Big Enough for Two.

From the Brookfield (Mo.) Argus.

St. Louis ought to secure the Democratic National Convention. A city cosmopolitan in character, populous and progressive, typical of the energy, brain and best resources of the great central west, and in the heart of a Democratic sentiment that is aggressive, no more accessible, hospitable, broad-gauged city can be selected. St. Louis is big enough to handle two national conventions.

Let It Be St. Louis.

From the Savannah (Mo.) Democrat.

St. Louis is the most convenient place in the country for the Democratic National Convention. It is centrally located and is easy of access from any direction. Let St. Louis be the place.

More Props Needed.

From the St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald.

Both Chicago and St. Louis are after the Democratic National Convention. Chicago should put a few additional props under that "I will" platform.

The Ball Deficiency.

From the Philadelphia Times.

St. Louis is still wildly cheering over the convention. This partly arises from having a base ball club which gives no opportunity for enthusiasm to expand.

Best Convention City.

From the Farmington Herald.

The Democrats should also hold their National Convention in St. Louis. It is the best located convention city in the country.

On Beer Alone.

From the Galveston News.

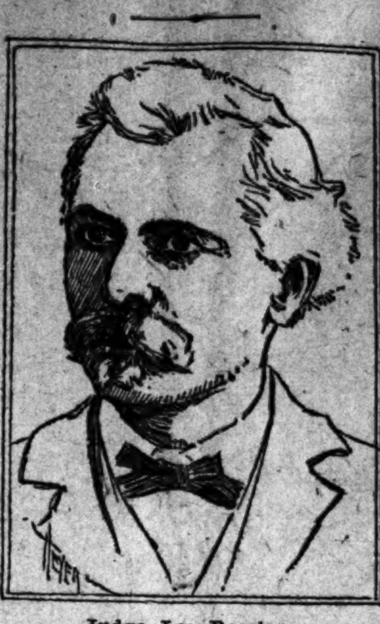
St. Louis expects to get back that $100,000 on beer alone.

Santa Claus in Trouble.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all o'er the city
The fog was so thick, the more is the pity,
That through it the sun was unable to peep,
While the mud on the streets was at least ankle deep.
This problem is troubling the girls and the boys:
How the deuce can old Santa distribute his toys?
For sure the dear fellow will be in a plight
With his sleigh sunk in mud till it's quite out of sight;
With his reindeers plunging in villainous slop,
And naught but the tips of their horns on the top.
And Santa himself, with a lantern in hand,
Wading 'round in the slush pools searching for land;
With a mixture of slop as thick as wine jelly
Bespattering his clothes to the belt 'round his belly.
No wonder 'twill be if he finds that he must
Quit his old Christmas job and leave in disgust.

WELL-KNOWN ST. LOUISAN.



Judge Leo Rassieur.

Judge Leo Rassieur was born in the village of Wadern, Germany, April 9, 1844. He came to America with his father when 7 years of age. He was educated in the public schools of St. Louis, graduating from the High School in 1860. He joined the Union army May 7, 1861, when but 17 years of age, serving in the 30th Missouri Infantry throughout the war. After being mustered out he returned to St. Louis and began the study of law in the office of Judge G. A. Finkelnburg, whose partner he became in 1867. He was School Director from 1874 to 1878, and attorney of the School Board from 1880 to 1890. He was elected Judge of the Probate Court in November, 1894, the position he now occupies.

MEN OF MARK.

Mark Twain will receive almost as much compensation in London as Yvette Guilbert will in this country.

Lord Salisbury has bestowed the post of Queen's messenger on A. J. M. Jephson, who was one of the Stanley expedition that brought Emin Pasha from Lake Nyanza.

Prof. Woolsey of Yale has written this sentiment to the Boston Reform Club: "Jingoism between nations is like brag and bluster between individuals. It is underbred."

Nat Goodwin has had to decline the honor of a dinner given in his honor by the members of the Cuban colony in New York City in return for his championing the Cuban cause in his new play.

Verestchagin, the Russian painter, does beautiful work with his maimed hand. His right hand is minus a thumb and middle finger, and the small bones of the palm were shattered by a fall which also broke the arm.

The Wilson family seem to be on top in Washington just at present. In the House there are Wilson of New York, Wilson of Ohio, Wilson of Idaho and Wilson of South Carolina. Then there are Senator Wilson of the State of Washington, and Postmaster General Wilson of the Cabinet.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

In Worcester, England, a woman is achieving success as an auctioneer of rugs and carpets.

Since her marriage to Baron Wallhofen, Pauline Lucca has hardly been visible to the outside world. She is still a handsome woman, some years past 50, and lives in Vienna, where she busies herself training a few aspiring girls to be prima donnas.

Mme. Oyama, the beautiful wife of the Field Marshal of Japan, is a graduate of Vassar, and was valedictorian of her class at that institution. She is an accomplished linguist, holds the position of chief lady in waiting to the Empress, draws the highest salary of any woman at court and instructs in European manners and etiquette.

Bernhardt, when interviewed in Paris as to her approaching American tour, said that it was her dream "to play in opera, that is, to declaim the words to the accompaniment of music. You will see that in this direction the future of the theater lies. Wagner is guiding us along that path." She will realize this dream as far as possible by playing "L'Arlesienne," by Daudet, with music by Bizet.

Anna Laurens Dawes, daughter of ex-Senator Dawes of Massachusetts, who has spent a great deal of time in studying Indian affairs, has written an article on the subject which she concludes in these words: "We need appreciation of the fact that the Indian is already absorbed, though by no means assimilated, and that the Indian problem is in its nature no different from the Bohemian problem or the German problem, and that a little study of its terms, with this fact in view, would immediately exhibit the various remedies necessary."

WIT AND WORD PLAY.

Willie: "Will Santa Claus bring his card with him, papa?" Papa: "His card? Why, my boy, he'll bring a pack."—Yonkers Statesman.

Walter: "What will you have, sir, rabbit stew or squirrel pie?" Guest: "I'm not fond of game. Bring me domestic sausage. I like to know what I'm eating."—Detroit Free Press.

Coal Dealer (anxiously): "Hold on! That load hasn't been weighed. It looks to me rather large for a ton." Driver: "'Taint intended for a ton. It's two tons." Dealer: "Beg pardon. Go ahead."—Tit-Bits.

Buzby: "Didn't Wiggins forget his lines at the amateur theatricals last evening?" Baxter: "No; he only got them mixed up a little. Instead of saying, 'I hear the tramp of approaching footsteps,' he said, 'I hear the footsteps of approaching tramps.'"—Tit-Bits.

Mamma: "If you eat any more of that pudding, Tommy, you will see the bogie man to-night." Tommy (after a moment's thought): "Well, give me some more. I might as well settle my mind about the truth of the story once for all."—Pearson's Weekly.

Neighbor: "What beautiful hens you have, Mrs. Stuckup." Mrs. Stuckup: "Yes, they are all imported fowls." Neighbor: "You don't tell me so! I suppose they lay eggs every day?" Mrs. Stuckup (proudly): "They could do so if they saw proper, but our circumstances are such that my hens are not required to lay eggs every day."—Texas Siftings.

This Is News Indeed.

From the St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald.

No political bosses will dictate the next Republican nomination for the presidency.

New Missouri Statesmanship.

From the St. Joseph (Mo.) News.

Missouri sent a number of "accidents" to this term of Congress. The eye of the public is upon these unexpected statesmen, and not a little curiosity is felt as to what they will do now they have been surprised into Congress. So far their movements suggest the kind of partisan work that is a disgrace to any people. The St. Joseph Gazette is authority for the statement that our South-end-of-the-City-Hall Congressman, Crowther, has introduced a bill to restore every man to the pension lists who has been dropped during the Democratic administration, rascals, frauds and all. Well, that sounds like Crowther, and if there is any line of legislation that we would expect to find him pushing it would be in some way connected with the public pie, salary-grab or something that had money out of the treasury for its root.

Now comes the report that another accident from Missouri, Joel D. Hubbard, who beat Bland, has introduced a bill putting the Missouri Home Guards on the pension list. The "Home Guard" of Missouri during the war were pitted against the bush-whackers and were much like them in irresponsibility, and the character of their warfare. Evidently the new Republican statesmen from Missouri have gone to Washington with but one idea in their heads and that is to get some of the public funds for their friends.

The Belles of Farmington.

From the Farmington (Mo.) Herald.

The Gazette, published at Conder, Lafayette County, Mo., has this to say of the belles of Farmington that appeared in the Post-Dispatch recently: The society belles of Farmington, Mo., are conspicuously represented in the Post-Dispatch of Sunday, Dec. 1, on page 34. The Sunday Post-Dispatch ought to be a popular paper with the young bachelors and widowers of Missouri. The young ladies of Farmington, if truthfully represented by the photographer, are fairly entitled to be called beautiful. The Gazette force are great admirers of the ladies, and especially commend the enterprising Post-Dispatch for its noble and unselfish efforts to do the greatest good to the greatest number. This is Democratic and correct. Proceed.

She'll Nurse Her Baby.

From the Chicago Record.

It would be difficult for American people to conceive the degree of importance which is being accorded in Europe to the weighty question of the young Russian Empress nursing her baby instead of engaging the services of a wet nurse. German, French, Austrian, Spanish and Italian papers are devoting columns to the subject, and even the grave and ponderous London Times considers the affair of sufficient public interest to give up half a column to a discussion of the case.

Odor Filled the Room.

From the Sedalia (Mo.) Star-Sentinel.

Mrs. A. Daniels and her little boy, who was bitten by the dog shot by Officer Boulitt Saturday, returned last night from Clinton, where the boy had been taken to have the mad stone applied. It adhered strongly to the wounds and on being placed in milk to cleanse the stone, the odor of the poison was so offensive that it filled the room and the stone had to be taken out.

Railroad Questions.

From the Black Rock (Ark.) Blade.

A man will walk up and ask when the 4 o'clock train is due, then look up at the clock and ask if it is running and how near right it is. Our genial agent is a practical man and has posted directly under the clock this inscription: "This is a clock; it is running; it keeps railroad time; it is correct; we set it every day." A few people still ask about the clock. Some read the notice and then ask: "Who wrote that piece?"

The Little Darlings.

From the Montgomery (Mo.) Standard.

Children who have been humored and spoiled and hired to do things at home, find school regulations irksome. This is to be expected. Teachers haven't always the time to carefully "stroke the fur the right way."

ILLUSTRATED SLANG.

From Life.

"I DON'T THINK."

Boston Geography.

From the Kansas City Star.

The usually scholarly Boston Transcript locates St. Louis on the banks of the Missouri. This is a pardonable blunder, as it results from a system of education which requires of the youth of Boston no knowledge of the geography of America west of the Berkshire Hills.

Does This Hit McKinley?

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

The race will hardly go to the candidate who succeeds in engaging the largest number of rooms at the St. Louis hotels. There will be other considerations.

Girl Babies Galore.

From the Illinois State Register.

A girl baby born the other day in Kokomo, a fourteenth daughter of a fourteenth daughter—a record which is thought to be unprecedented.

A Chilled Boom.

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

The friends of Senator Cullom doubtless favored St. Louis, believing that his boom could be warmed into life if taken far away from the chilling lake breezes.

Goodnight Song.

From the Chicago Times-Herald.

Sleep, my little curl-head, sleep!
Here beside your nest I keep.
Mother's hung your Christmas stocking,
Mother's hand your cradle's rocking—
Sleep, my little curl-head, sleep!

Sleep, my little curl-head, sleep!
Soft the Christmas shadows creep;
Snowflakes white are flocking—flocking,
Santa Claus will find your stocking—
Sleep, my little curl-head, sleep!

F. L. STANTON.

A Braided Frock.

A charming visiting costume is made of green broadcloth and black braid. The round, smooth, pointed bodice is covered

with parallel vertical lines of narrow braid and is worn with a bolero bound in wider braid. The skirt has a side panel and deep Van Dykes of the braided broadcloth.

Gray Cloth Astrachan-Lined Coat.

This miss wears a coat of gray cloth with rows of narrow braid and a hem of gray astrachan for its decoration, and this is completed by a charming toque of gray velvet set into points and bordered with the astrachan, the entire effect being most excellent.

New Use for Old Gloves.

It will comfort the young man who presses the daintily gloved hand in the dance, to know that he may possess the glove later. Old evening gloves have been turned to account in the way which is most doted on by men who roll their own cigarettes or use a pipe. This fad for tobacco pouches made from the long ends of evening gloves bids fair to outdo all previous records of souvenirs. The bottom of the gloves is drawn in tightly and held together with a ribbon bow, a tassel or plainly stitched. The top is slit several times for a ribbon to be run in and out twice, to allow it to be drawn together like an old-fashioned purse. Decorations in embroidery or hand-painting, according to taste or notion.

Cranberry Fritters.

Make a batter with half a cup of milk, half a cup of sugar, one egg, one cup of flour, and about two-thirds of a teaspoon of baking powder; chop three-fourths of a cup of cranberries, add to the batter, and fry in hot lard or cottolene; serve with very sweet sauce.

Bag Pudding.

One cup of currants, one cup of seedless raisins, one cup of beef suet, chopped fine; one cup milk, one cup of molasses, three cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder in the flour.

Make a bag half a yard long of toweling, wet the bag and wring out before putting in the contents; have boiler on with water boiling to cover the bag; tie it so the contents will not empty out. Allow the bag long enough to allow pudding to swell, boil three hours, keeping it covered with hot water.

Dressing for it: One pint milk, to come to a boil; add one egg, sugar to taste, stirring all the time, after it's cold add two teaspoonfuls of vanilla.

Christmas Plum Pudding.

Six ounces of suet, chopped fine; six ounces of raisins, seeded and chopped fine; three ounces of currants, washed, picked and chopped; three ounces of sifted flour, three eggs, a sixth of a nutmeg, grated; a small blade of mace and a stick of cinnamon, both pounded as fine as possible; half a teaspoonful of salt, half a pint of cream or rich milk, half an ounce of citron, chopped fine, half an ounce of candied orange peel, chopped fine. One tablespoonful of molasses added gives the pudding a nice color. Beat the whole eggs and spice well together; mix the milk into it by degrees, then add the rest of the ingredients and stir them well. Let the mixture stand for two hours, as it will amalgamate much better and become richer and fuller of flavor. Then dip a fine, close linen cloth into boiling water and spread it in a sieve, flour it and put the mass into it and tie it up. Have a pot ready with six quarts of boiling water and immerse the pudding into it. Keep a kettle of boiling water alongside of it and fill up the pot as the water evaporates. Be sure to keep the pudding boiling continually for six hours. The above quantity is enough for six persons. A great many can be made at once and kept in reserve for several weeks. They need only to be warmed by steaming when required. Any sauce may be served with it. A good one is the following: A glass of sherry, half a glass of brandy, a pony of curacoa. Sweeten with two tablespoonfuls of sugar and pour into a gill of melted butter. Mix well, put into sauce boat and grate nutmeg on top. A nice way to serve it is to pour arrack over the pudding, and, just as it is going to be served, set fire to the arrack. Have some sweetened arrack in a sauceboat, pour it generously over each portion, and hand it around on a tray with a small lighted candle and paper lighters; each guest can then set fire to his own pudding. The effect is quite fine, and the taste better still.

Giblet Pie.

Clean two sets of duck, goose or turkey giblets. The heart is cut in two pieces, the neck jointed, the gizzards in four pieces, also the livers. Place them in a saucepan, with an onion, a few whole peppers and a bunch of savory herbs, a little sage, thyme, parsley and basil, add a pint of water and simmer slowly for one and one-half hours. Line a shallow baking dish with paste; add the giblets, thicken the gravy with flour and butter, pour over the giblets, cover with a crust and bake one-half hour.

Hints About Food.

Here are a few practical hints. Let your food be nutritious and digestible. Vegetable albumens are both. Oatmeal, beans, rice, hominy, milk, rye and whole-wheat or corn bread, are all cheap, good and digestible. While a meat diet, say half a pound or more daily, is not to be neglected, yet the vegetable albumens readily furnish needful bodily nourishment.

Furniture Polish.

Equal parts of linseed oil and spirits of turpentine, well shaken together in a bottle, make an excellent polish for furniture. The articles to be polished should be first washed and thoroughly dried, the polish is then rubbed in with a linen rag, and last of all the furniture is rubbed with woolen cloths until it shines with the requisite luster.

THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE.

Do you consider the compound tincture of cinchona a good tonic? What is the proper dose?

1. Yes. 2. One teaspoonful in water before each meal.

Will you kindy advise a good remedy for a child of five months? She is troubled with costiveness.

Give her from five to ten grains of phosphate of soda in water several times a day.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

(The Post-Dispatch does not hold itself responsible for any opinions or statement of facts in these letters. It is a free parliament.)

Are There No Rich Toughs?

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch.

There is certainly every reason why the price of Pullman upper berths should not be reduced. If the price of the upper berths were reduced no lady would be safe in buying a lower berth. She would be compelled to pay for the entire section or run the risk of enduring the humiliation of having some mean, cheap, contemptible man occupying the berth above her. Cheap prices will bring cheap people in the sleeper. Whenever the price of the upper berths are lowered it will mean farewell to exclusive decency, and as this is an age in which ladies can travel alone and receive the greatest possible protection, both in the parlor and sleeping cars, and at all first-class hotels, it certainly would be an outrage to open the way for every common tough to occupy and enjoy the privilege of a sleeping car—a privilege that a certain class of individuals do not appreciate.

It is on the same principle as lowering the price of opera boxes to gallery prices. What would the rabble do in an opera box? Of what value would be its costly trappings to them? There will be no upper berths go begging if the price is once reduced, but the better class of people will shun a sleeper as they would a pestilence. There is not a railroad in this country that would advocate this change, after they have been inflicted with a little actual experience.

Sentiment is out of the question in this case and nothing is needed so much as hard common-sense to protect a liberal traveling public. The people are willing to pay and to pay well for a little privacy, and the peace of mind resulting therefrom is oftentimes priceless to the weary traveler. I. L. L.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 18.

Kerens Eligible.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch.

Republicans, opposed to the nomination of Col. R. C. Kerens of this city for Vice-President, are raising the cry against him of ineligibility.

Col. Kerens, although not born in this country, is not thereby precluded from filling the position of Vice-President. His only apparent disabilities consist in not reaching the nomination and being elected even if nominated. Missouri will not likely get a place on the ticket from either party this time.

Albert Gallatin, nominated for Vice-President on the Crawford ticket, was a native of Switzerland, and grown to manhood before reaching this country. Many of the ablest statesmen and lawyers in the country were in that nominating convention. Gallatin, however, declined making the race on the Crawford ticket.

Col. Kerens is all right on the score of qualifications. If, through some mishap or calamity, the Republican ticket should be elected in 1896, with Col. Kerens on it for Vice-President, he would not forget Missouri and the great West, nor their interests.

By all means let Col. Kerens be the Republican nominee. He, aided by Steve Elkins and Pow Clayton, brought the convention to St. Louis. M. K. McG.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.

The Bankers and the Public.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch.

Boiled down, the President's idea of "sound money" is gold standard, with all other forms of money as credit money redeemable as at present in gold; but with this difference—a change in place of redemption. Greenbacks and Treasury notes are to be retired because they form an "endless chain" with which to deplete the Treasury reserve and compel the people to pay interest on new bonds issued to buy more gold. If the reserve is not kept above panic rates, gold will go to a premium and be driven out of the country.

The proposed remedy: Sell enough bonds for gold to buy up this "endless chain" currency and retire it. Permit banks holding these bonds to issue to their face value their own notes, redeemable at their own counters in gold, said banks, in lieu of all other taxes, to pay not to exceed one-fifth of one per cent.

The result: [illegible] an essential in banking, for were their notes held chiefly at home so large a sum of redemption money must be kept at hand as to make the issue profitless.

Now, under the proposed new "sound money" system an importer having an adverse balance of a million dollars payable in London must secure that much gold. He cannot in weeks collect that sum in the notes of any one bank—possibly not of the notes of all of the banks in his city. He must take the currency he has and buy gold on the open market at a premium proportionate to the demand for gold, and here we are: Gold at a premium, notes at a discount, and this is "sound money." The gold-bug gets his profit at once; the banker later by each bank cashing every other bank's notes at the gold discount and settling with each other at par.

But the public? O, they pay the freight both ways, as interest on bonds and discount on notes. There is but one just and certain remedy: Broaden the base of the column of redemption money by the free and unlimited coinage of silver on the old basis. Would it drive gold into hiding? I think not—it's in its hole now. The average retail dealer does not receive in trade a dollar of gold per week in this section. How is it in other towns? CLEVELAND NIT.

Olney, Ill., Dec. 17.

Wanted—Another Pingree.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch.

The House of Delegates having passed another street railroad franchise without insuring adequate returns to the city, not even concurring in the amendment offered limiting the rate of speed or requiring the company to keep in repair the streets between its tracks, as well as having voted down the amendment offered requiring the company to carry passengers between certain hours for 3 cents, is it not about time to look around for a "Pingree" to put a stop to the shameful methods in practice relative to the sale of all franchises? Does not our State law require all franchises to be sold at public sale? Why has this law never been enforced in this city? If Detroit and other cities smaller than St. Louis can have a three-cent fare, why can't St. Louis enjoy the same privilege? Will Mayor Walbridge be equal to the task before him and thereby prove himself to be the Pingree of the West. We are six in family. Net saving to our family each day, 24 cents, if Pingree rates prevail.

DAUGHTER OF A WORKINGMAN.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.

A Kansas Mining Town.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch.

During a rain of the past week one of the coal shafts near here was flooded and there are two miners in the pit—both drowned, and simply because they are strangers and have no friends there is no effort being made to recover the bodies. I have traveled considerable and have come in contact with all kinds of corporations, but for heartlessness the coal companies of Cherokee and Crawford Counties (Kansas) can not be duplicated. One of your space writers could find plenty of material here for a readable article. The companies have all the Kansas City papers bluffed, having their head offices there, and the local papers are afraid to say anything for fear of losing patronage.

Here is a town of 600 people, and $5 in currency will cover all the cash transactions of the people daily. The coal companies own the stores and issue a sort of scrip for wages, and if they redeem their scrip in cash they do so at a discount of 25 per cent. An illustration of the scarcity of money is that I could not get a $5 bill changed in the town except at a company store or the post-office.

I saw a miner's pay envelope for last month. He earned $31, took $25 in scrip and the rest in merchandise from the company store, and the scrip is good nowhere but at the same store. The miners are all Welch and Scotch, and are getting the worst of it on all sides. S. A. HICKS.

Scammon, Kan., Dec. 21.

The Sinews of War.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

These questions are pertinent under present conditions, viz: Is Cleveland going to enforce the Monroe doctrine on a gold basis or will he do it on a silver and greenback basis? [illegible]

St. Louis, Dec. [illegible]

M'CONNELL GOT ALL THE MONEY,

But Foster Finally Caught Him and Out He Went.

CHANGE AT THE "JERICHO."

J. F. Carr Is Now Running the Ring, and There Will Be No More Hunching to Kill the Pool-Rooms.

Although E. T. McConnell says he voluntarily relinquished the betting privilege at Sportsman's Park because he could make no money out of it, the track people openly announce that he was requested to discontinue operations. J. F. Carr, the local form book man, was in charge of the ring Monday, and although he denies it vigorously, the prevailing impression seems to be that Von der Ahe is backing the books. Five or six bookies were operating in the ring under the new arrangement and they had a good day, winning over $3,000, of which about $2,000 was captured on the last race.

McConnell was charged with "hunching" the prices in the ring so that he could get long odds for his own money in the foreign pool rooms. The Berger-Snider row last Friday caused the track people to "smell a mouse," so it is claimed, and when reports came in that the pool rooms had been given a terrific "drubbing" on Fred Taral McConnell was requested to retire. All the pool rooms at Covington were badly scorched on Fred Taral and they discontinued handling the races. The Fred Taral affair is thought to have been only one of a number of similar good things on which McConnell won big money.

A new arrangement to keep the jockeys from being tampered with was also put in force Monday. They are kept locked up in a room by themselves before the races, and no one is permitted to approach them. The object is to prevent tickets being slipped to them by outsiders. Berger and Rigby, the jockeys who were ruled off Saturday, have been barred from the track.

F. H. HICKOK'S YEARLINGS.

The Philadelphia Turfman Has Some Well Bred Ones at the Fair Grounds.

F. H. Hickok, the Philadelphia turfman, has gone into winter quarters at the Fair Grounds with one of the best-bred strings of yearlings in the West. Mr. Hickok's youngsters arrived from the East last week. There are seven in the stable, a list of which will be found below:

Ch. g. by Sensation-Sophronia, the dam of Locohatchie.
Ch. g. by Sensation-Alacrity.
Br. g. by Sensation-Imp. Lady Alice.
Ch. f. by Sensation-Delores, a half-sister to Dew Drop and the dam of Tear Drop.
Ch. g. by Imp. Sailor Prince-Aster.
Ch. g. by Imp. Circassian-Riot.
Ch. f. by Imp. Circassian-Melody.

Mr. Hickok has also a pair of 2-year-olds which he expects to develop into serviceable 3-year-olds next season. A 3-year-old by Fabulous completes his stable of ten head. Mr. Hickok came West with Magnet last spring and afterwards sold him to Dan Honig, the St. Louis horseman, for $3,500.

Track Results.

AT SPORTSMAN'S PARK—Frank McCool, Charley B., La Cigale, Trifacial and Bayard.

AT NEW ORLEANS—Bertrand, Booze, G. B. Cox, Marcel and B. F. Fly, Jr.

AT ST. ASAPH—Delia M., Lento, Clovis, Vincent, Doc Birch and Van Dyke.

AT SAN FRANCISCO—Zoolein, Julia O., Miss Maxim, Bell Ringer, Pat Murphy and Carillo.

Track Talk.

Judge George Oyster has lost his job at the Alexander Island race track.

John A. Goldsmith, the trotting horse driver, who died recently, left an estate valued at $500,000.

Ben Brush won six stake events this year for Brown Dick and Mike Dwyer, who now owns him.

Marcel beat Billy McKenzie by a narrow margin in the handicap at New Orleans Monday.

Barney Schreiber won a race with Zoolein and Dan Honig also captured a purse with Julia O. at Frisco Monday.

Five jumpers fell in the hurdle race at Frisco Monday and White Cloud dropped dead after the finish.

Norman Brough, the San Francisco handicapper, has lost his position with the Pacific Coast Jockey Club.

Booze took up 129 pounds and defeated a cheap field at a mile, run in 1:46, at New Orleans Monday.

Marcus Daly, the Montana turfman, has an imported colt by Hampton, dam Buttermere, entered for the National Derby.

Pat Woodcock, the old St. Louis dog, bobbed up at St. Louis. Where are the rest of the squad that, with Pat Woodcock, used to fill in the last race at Madison nearly every day? Pat must be lonesome without Pestilence, Tip, Tom Tough, Moses Solomon and the rest of his old side partners.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

FITZ IS FOXY.

"Lanky Bob" Will Make a Fortune, Win or Lose, With Peter Maher.

Bob Fitzsimmons stands—win or lose—to make more money out of his coming fight with Peter Maher than has ever been realized by a successful pugilist from any fistic contest. The Kinetoscope Co. is behind Dan Stuart and it is said that Fitzsimmons was paid $2,500 for signing the articles. Fitzsimmons and Stuart will be interested in the exhibitions to be made by the Kinetoscope Co. of the fight in miniature photographic reproduction so long as it continues to be exhibited. Stuart is to get 20 per cent of the gross receipts generally, and 50 per cent of all sums realized from the sale of territorial rights.

Of Stuart's share Fitz is to get one-third, win or lose. Thus the man who wouldn't fight Corbett for a straight purse, and who declared that the latter was interested in the Florida Athletic Club scheme, charges $2,500 for his autograph, $10,000 to win from Maher, and untold thousands, surely aggregating a fair fortune, on the reproduction of the fight to those who cannot go to Mexico to see the "real thing." Fitz is therefore at liberty to bid for another neat sum, should he desire to "lay down" for the Irishman, who has only glory to get from the match.

The battle ground has already been arranged for. In the extreme southwestern corner of the State of Texas stands a monument that marks an ideal place in which to cause disputes of jurisdiction. Mexico, Texas and New Mexico adjoin there, and the ring can be pitched so that it will embrace a State, a Territorial and a foreign domain.

CROPPING DOGS' EARS.

A Resolution to Prohibit It Was Defeated in the A. K. C.

The principal object of the recent meeting of the American Kennel Club in New York was the discussion of a resolution condemning the practice of cropping dogs' ears as brutal and unnecessary, and the advisability of amending the constitution of the club so that in future all dogs whelped after Jan. 1, 1896, whose ears have been cropped, would be ineligible to compete for prizes in shows given by the clubs recognized by the American Kennel Club. The strongest opposition to the anti-cropping amendment came from the Great Dane and Bull Terrier Clubs. A letter was read from August Belmont strongly in favor of the amendment and urging its adoption.

Before the matter was voted upon Thomas H. Terry and H. F. Schellhass, two delegates said to be strongly in favor of the anti-cropping amendment, left the room. The vote was taken in their absence and resulted in eleven for the amendment and eight against. As it requires a two-thirds vote to carry an amendment to the constitution the anti-cropping amendment was lost.

The prevailing sentiment among those present seemed to be that while cropping was cruel, it was not within the jurisdiction of the American Kennel Club to settle the matter.

Westward the Course of Republicanism Takes Its Way.—From the New York Advertiser.

Base Ball Notes.

Cuppy claims he can shoot a curve with his new gun.

Tom Parrott says he'll make Cincinnati feel sorry that he was released.

Joe Kelly of the champion Baltimores has offered his Cambridge trucking business for sale.

Has any one heard of Pitcher Hawke lately—he who was with Baltimore in 1894?

Fred Pfeffer is in a Chicago hospital suffering from appendicitis, for which an operation will be performed shortly.

Herman Long is working in Director Billings' shoe factory in Holbrook, Mass.

New York has twenty-eight players under contract for next year.

There is no truth in the rumor that the Philadelphia club will place a team in the new Atlantic Association.

Jesse Burkett, the champion batsman of the League, got $2,000 salary last year. He is now holding out for $2,400.

Von der Ahe's secretary, Muckenfuss, thinks Douglass, the Wellsville, Mo., boy, who will be with the Browns next year, has the making of a first-class ball player.

T. J. Hickey, President of the Western Base Ball Association, to-day said Burlington would likely get Omaha's base ball franchise in the Association.

CHRISTMAS FOOT BALL.

Association Game at the College and Rugby at the Park.

There will be a regular association foot-ball game at the Christian Brothers' grounds to-morrow between the champion St. Theresa's and St. Bridget's teams. The teams will line up as follows:

St. Theresa's.	St. Bridget's.
Forwards.	
Degnan	Erman
Corcoran	Bacon
Tighe	Cudmore
Delehanty	Forrest
Sheridan	C. Degnan
Half-Backs.	
Robinson	McElroy
Monaghan	Ricksteiger
McKeown	Hughes.
Kavanaugh	Slattery
McNamara	Geraghty
Goal.	
Riley	Eagan

ED M'LAUGHLIN'S CUE.

The Philadelphia Player Has a Billiard Stick With a History.

If there is anything in a cue, Ed McLaughlin should make things very interesting for his opponents in the short-stop billiard tourney to be held at Chicago, Jan. 18 to 27. The butt end of the cue McLaughlin is now using is an old favorite of his—the one with which he made the run of 804 at three-ball caroms in 1883, and a piece of wood which he values very highly.

The top piece, however, is a much more valuable relic, since it was made from a cue which was used by Michael Phelan, the billiard champion of 35 years ago. This is a peculiar piece of ash, with a very crooked grain, but still as sound and true as the day it was first turned.

It was with this cue that Phelan beat Mons. Damon, best in three games at three-ball billiards, for $500 in 1855; beat R. Benjamin the best in 17 games for $2,000 a side in 1857, and on April 12, 1858, beat J. Seereiter in a match for $10,000 at Detroit. Most billiard cues are made from maple, but this veteran stick is ash.

Sporting Notes.

Solly Smith defeated Billy Murphy in fourteen rounds at New Orleans last night.

The Lasker-Tschigorin chess game at St. Petersburg Monday resulted in a draw after forty-five moves.

Peter Berlo rode a mile on a wheel at New Orleans Monday in 1m. 40 3-5s. He was paced by a quad and a quint.

Jack McAuliffe's arm was not properly set when he broke it some months ago, and he has decided to have the arm broken over again and reset.

Whittaker, the Milwaukee swimmer, who will meet Thorne in Chicago Saturday night, swam 80 yards in 50s. in a still water straightaway course last summer.

It is unlikely that many of the Eastern skating cracks will come West for the national amateur championships to be held in St. Paul next month.

Prominent business men of Las Cruces, N. M., will make Peter Maher a liberal offer to train for his coming fight.

Hugh P. Kane has put up $1,000 for Jack Everhardt to fight "Kid" Lavigne for the $3,000 purse offered by Dan Stuart.

Eugene Carter, the American billiardist, and W. J. Peace, who is the best player in England, have signed articles for a match at 15,000 points at English billiards for £100 a side. The match will come off in London on Jan. 20.

Ted Sullivan, the well-known base ball manager, has engaged in the pugilistic profession, and is now the full-fledged manager of a colored boxer of Dallas, Tex., named Scott Collins, better known as "Bright Eyes."

An Australian correspondent sends the following from Sydney, N. S. W.: "Tom Duggan, who won the middle weight Australian championship since Dan Creedon's departure for America, has sailed for South Africa. Duggan, Artie Tully and Joe Goddard will then take steamer for New York.

The Phillies want Hawley of Pittsburg, and are willing to give Taylor and Hallman for him. Connie Mack, however, wanted Taylor and Cross. The Quakers would not concede this and the deal is off.

Southwest Missouri Teachers.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 24.—Everything is in readiness for the meeting of the Southwest Missouri Teachers' Association here Thursday, Friday and Saturday next. Five hundred teachers are expected. Among other attractions the Jasper County teachers have provided is a display of school work in the exposition room of the new Court-house.

Jasper County Electric Railway.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Jasper County Electric Railroad Co. to-day authorized the issuing of $150,000 in bonds to be used in extending their road. Owing to the present condition of the money market the bonds will not be sold immediately.

CAR STRIKE ENDED.

Union Recognized by the Company and Other Issues Compromised.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The street car strike was compromised yesterday on the following terms:

1. While the Union Traction Company will only treat with the workmen in its employ, it will allow them membership in any lawful organization.

2. It will take up all grievances and give them full and fair consideration.

3. It will, so far as it has vacant places, immediately put on the old men, and as fast as vacancies arise will give preference to any of the old men yet unemployed and endeavor to arrange the trips of the cars to favor the old men as far as possible, without violating its contract with the new men.

The questions of compensation and hours are left for future determination. Concessions were made on both sides. The battle has been mainly fought on the question of the employes' membership in the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes, which the company has persistently refused to recognize. The new men, engaged since the strike began, number nearly 1,000. There were about 5,000 strikers. This ends what has probably been the most remarkable strike in the United States. It lasted exactly one week, and it cost the city, the company and the strikers about $500,000. The loss in fares alone to the company is estimated at $350,000.

Apart from the destruction of cars and other property there has been considerable bloodshed, although, fortunately, no fatal results. The business of the city has been the heaviest sufferer. The strike, coming in the midst of the holidays, brought unparalleled disaster to shopkeepers, and much hardship of a financial nature is anticipated.

LEAKING GAS EXPLODES.

Careless Plumbers Almost Cost Three People Their Lives.

The second and third stories of the three-story brick building at 1861 South Twelfth street were badly wrecked by a gas explosion at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, and Wm. G. Sharringhausen, Mrs. Fred W. Durchek and Mrs. Vlasak were severely injured. The ground floor of the building is occupied by a grocery, by F. W. Duchek, and his family reside in the north side of the second floor. The third floor is used for a hall for private parties. The building belongs to the Scharringhausen Mercantile and Real Estate Association.

The gaspipes were leaking Monday and a couple of plumbers were sent to stop the leak. They visited the lower part of the building and wanted to tear up the floor in order to test the pipes. G. Debus, one of the owners, was telephoned and he told the men to turn off the gas in the cellar and open all the windows of the house, but his advice was not heeded, and the explosion soon followed.

Mr. Sharringhausen went into the front room on the south side of the second floor and was standing on a step-ladder testing a cap over a gaspipe. Mrs. Duchek entered the room with a candle and a terrific explosion resulted.

Sharringhausen was knocked to the floor and was severely burned about the head and face. Mrs. Duchek was knocked down and blown out into the hall. A heavy door fell on top of her. Mrs. Vlasak, who was in the hall, had her hair singed and her hands painfully burned.

The ceiling was blown up into the third story and the walls were spread apart several inches. The plastering was knocked off all the rooms, the front hall doors blown off, all the windows were shattered and a heavy sign fastened on the porch was blown across the street knocking down a horse.

The rooms were set on fire and the neighboring Fire Department was called out to extinguish the flames. The loss amounted to $1,500 and is covered by insurance.

William C. Sharringhausen is confined at his home at 3123 South Jefferson avenue swathed in bandages. His injuries are not fatal, but he regards his escape as miraculous. He will be confined to his house for some time. Mrs. Duchek is painfully bruised, but will soon recover, and Mrs. Vlasak will be considerably disfigured about the hands and arms. The plumbers escaped.

SENATOR VEST INDIGNANT.

He Has No Connection With Defaulting Cashier Thompson's Enterprise.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec 24.—Senator Vest, in a telegram to the editor of the Democrat of this city, denies in toto the story published in a Sedalia paper Sunday morning under a display head, and sent by telegraph to the metroplitan papers that night, to the effect that he had become interested with Consul General Crittenden of Mexico and J. F. Thompson, the absconding cashier of the defunct First National Bank of this city, in a shoe manufacturing concern in the City of Mexico. Senator Vest says he never heard of the company and pronounces the story of his connection with the concern a base fabrication.

Hawkeye House Burned.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

STANBERRY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Hawkeye House, one of the first hotels in the city, burned at 5 o'clock this morning. The contents, valued at $1,000, owned by J. M. Reynolds, was insured for $450. The building was under mortgage in the Hannibal Building and Loan Association, and partially insured. Prof. D. G. Boleyn of the Stanberry Normal School was the owner of the property and has no insurance on his interest in the property destroyed.

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Rifles and Guards.

The Rainwater Rifles and McGrew Guards will play a game of Rugby football at Sportsman's Park to-morrow morning.

OSAGE STILL RISING.

Great Loss of Stock and Grain in the River's Valley.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The heavy rains last night have caused great alarm in the Osage and Moreau River valleys. The swollen streams are rising this morning and it is feared that the high water of last week will be greatly augmented.

Bottom farms are devastated of fencing, hay-stacks, shock corn and many outbuildings. A vast amount of stock has been drowned, and if the rain continues twenty-four hours the river valleys will be a scene of wild devastation. Several lives are reported to be lost along the Osage Valley, but this is not generally credited. Word just received from Tuscumbia, sixty miles up the Osage, says more than 100,000 bushels of corn within a small radius of bottom land, was washed away last night, and thousands of railroad ties and bridge timber have floated away. The Osage is now higher than it was in 1882.

A telegram says the Meramec is higher than it ever was before. The Missouri is not dangerously high, but is rising a little.

Dining Cars,

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Marriage Licenses.

Thos. R. Smith	St. Louis County
Jennie Pruett	St. Louis County
Paul Stamm	1948 Arsenal
Emma Rohlfing	2739 Arsenal
Chas. P. Bogert	De Soto, Mo
Minnie E. Martin	De Soto, Mo
John Pelt	2513 Belt
Sadie Barnes	5340 Theodosia
Louis Bunte	Monroe County, Mo
Louisa Clover	Monroe County, Mo
Michael Wolf	4222 Clayton
Tillie Tisch	366.7 Manchester
Edward Smith	4247 Finney
Jeanetta Kunz	3218 Oregon
Pascal J. Galmiche	506 Cerre
Lille Schira	1902 North Fourteenth
Jeff Lee Burgie	Dyersburg, Tenn
Elizabeth I. Strode	Denver, Colo
S. Louis Levy	Forkland, Ala
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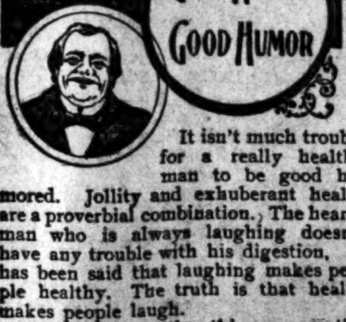
ARMENIAN SLAUGHTER.

Congregational Ministers Pass Resolutions on the Unspeakable Turk.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Dr. Sargent to the St. Louis Congregational clergymen at their regular meeting Monday and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the Government of Turkey has given up the Armenians, our brothers in Christ, to slaughter by Kurds and Moslem, and appears to have determined on their extermination by sword;

"Resolved, That we, ministers of the Congregational Church of the city of St. Louis, earnestly beseech our brethren in the ministry to keep this cause before their churches for prayer and gifts, and through our representatives urge our Government to take such steps that the outrages shall at once cease and the crime and disgrace of Moslem savagery shall no longer degrade and darken the humanity and civilization of the nineteenth century.



It isn't much trouble for a really healthy man to be good humored. Jollity and exuberant health are a proverbial combination. The hearty man who is always laughing doesn't have any trouble with his digestion. It has been said that laughing makes people healthy. The truth is that health makes people laugh.

There isn't any other thing so essential to health as regularity in the action of the bowels. Most all sickness starts with some derangement of the digestive functions. Good digestion means good, pure blood, and that means strength. Once let the bowels become clogged with refuse matter, and the whole system is deranged. Impure, poisonous matter gets into the blood and plants the seeds for all sorts of sickness.

Whenever there is a stoppage of the intestinal action, help should be given immediately. Usually a mild, gentle laxative is all that is necessary. A violent, wrenching, griping cathartic is never needed. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the most pleasant and successful remedy for occasional or chronic constipation, or costiveness. They are tiny, sugar-coated anti-bilious granules that even the smallest child can easily take. They act in perfect accord with nature and produce no griping or other disagreeable feeling. They should be taken at the first indication of digestive trouble. They stop sour stomach, belching, "heart-burn," flatulence and sick headache. They *cure* constipation permanently. You can stop taking them after the bowels are thoroughly regulated. Their help *lasts*. You do not become a slave to their use as with other pills.

DALRYMPLE AS RECORDER.

The Supreme Court Holds That He Properly Occupies That Post.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Judge McFarlane in Division No. 1 of the Supreme Court this morning handed down an opinion in the case of Horace R. Williams, contestant, appellant, vs. Charles H. Dalrymple, contestee, respondent, affirming the judgment of the lower court and continuing Dalrymple as Recorder of Greene County. The opinion in this case is, in effect, in emphasis of the opinion in Atkinson vs. Lay, which is the leading case in this State, regarding nominations, ballots and elections. In open convention Dalrymple was nominated for Recorder on the Democratic ticket in Greene County, 1894. Soon afterwards he was also nominated for the same place on the Populist ticket. At the election he received 3,500 Democratic votes, 1,000 Populist votes and 403 Republican votes, being elected by a majority of 203 over his Republican opponent. Now, Dalrymple was a life-long Democrat. He openly professed adherence to the Democratic party and his political affiliations were known when he was nominated for Recorder by the Populists. In fact, the Democrats and Populists ran a fusion ticket in Greene County in 1894. Williams, the defeated Republican candidate for Recorder, began a contest for the office, alleging deception of the voters, and that the nomination of Dalrymple on the Populist ticket was invalid.

The Supreme Court, following Atkinson vs. Lay, declares that whatever a man's political affiliations may be, if he is regularly nominated by a political party in delegate convention assembled, or if he is nominated by two or more parties in convention, there is no deception. It is regular and binds the adherents of the various party organization nominating him, and is good as against opposing candidates.

Division No. 1 also delivered opinions in the following cases:

Augie Moran, appellant, vs. Robert Stewart et al., respondent; Andrew County; partition of real estate; affirmed.

W. H. Stokes, appellant, vs. Stephen J. Burnes et al., respondents; attachment; affirmed.

Otto Luther, appellant, vs. J. S. Brown, respondent; Andrew County; breach of contract; transferred to the Court of Appeals.

W. D. Fisher vs. Patton, Ray County; reversed and remanded with directions.

Anna M. Hilton, appellant, vs. Huntington Smith, respondent; St. Louis city; damages for opening Park avenue for $1,940.40; reversed with directions.

Columbia Savings Bank, respondent, vs. A. H. Winn et al., appellants; suit to set aside deed made to wife to land in Boone County; reversed and remanded with directions.

Per Curiam, Ratliff, respondent, vs. Graves, appellant; Macon County; ejectment for land; reversed and remanded.

Downing, appellant, vs. Dinwiddie, respondent; Boone County; reversed and remanded.

Motions—Harlan vs. Moore et al.; motion for bond; overruled. Wilson vs. St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company; transferred to Kansas City Court of Appeals. State ex rel. Hohn et al. vs. City of Westport; transferred to Court en banc and set for hearing on February call. Wood and Huston Bank vs. Reed et al.; rehearing denied. Bradley et al. vs. Neppell; transferred to court en banc. Burns vs. City of Edgerton; motion to transfer to Kansas City Court of Appeals overruled. Hazen Fratz vs. Continental Wire Co.; motion to affirm sustained. Morse et al. vs. City of Westport; transferred to court en banc. Traber vs. Hicks; motion to tax costs sustained. Pomeroy vs. Fullerton; rehearing denied.

Adjourned to Jan. 7, 1896.

A LOADED TELEPHONE.

Patrolman Hanna Found It and Will Write a Book.

Patrolman Hanna declares there are spots on the sun, new stars in the firmament and fresh freckles on the Zodiac. He also thinks there is a new force in nature, though he admits it may be the same old element the estimable Mr. Keeley has been trying for twenty or thirty years to induce to mote.

As soon as Mr. Hanna's head gets well, and he can use his fingers he will reduce his observations to writing and probably publish a book on natural phenomena as depicted to the eye of a Second District patrolman.

It was 3:15 o'clock Tuesday morning when Hanna and his mate, Patrolman Fox, paused at the corner of Broadway and Osage street. There is a patrol box there and Hanna opened it to call up the station and notify the Sergeant that Fox and he had their joint and several eye on the gun and the populace might continue to slumber in peace. As he lifted the 'phone from the hook there was a fierce sputter and a sharp report and Hanna was thrown backward out of the box.

He fell with great violence. His head struck the curb stone and when Fox got to him he was unconscious.

Inside the box there seemed to be a million crackling, hissing fiery devils which threatened destruction to the neighborhood. The commotion subsided after a few moments, and Fox took Hanna to the South Side Dispensary. There the gash in the back of his head was stitched up and his burned fingers were bandaged; then he was sent home.

Patrolman Fox is conservative and prosaic and he insists that the trouble was all on account of the telephone line crossing with a trolley or electric light wire, but Hanna knows better. Ordinary electricity couldn't hit a man that hard, he says, and he ought to know. His theory is that Fox began to sing just as he—Hanna—entered the patrol box and the air he chose struck the combination of the sound wave confined in the box and started into action the force discovered by Keeley.

When Hanna's book is published it is expected to make a sensation in the world of science.

CHICAGO REPUBLICANS.

The Cook County Club Wants Fifty Rooms for Convention Week.

Several representatives of the Cook County (Illinois) Republican Club are in the city looking after the accommodation of its members during the Republican National Convention. John W. Parker of the Executive Committee of the club is stopping at the Southern Hotel.

"We will need 50 rooms for the members of our club," said he. "I came here to make the necessary arrangements. We will likely stop at the Southern Hotel."

As yet Mr. Lewis has made no arrangements with Mr. Parker. The officers of the Business Men's League have requested that no contracts be made until the Arrangement Committee of the National Committee is consulted.

BARGELT'S BOND FIXED.

The State Granted Another Continuance Until Jan. 4.

The case of William Bargelt, charged with the murder of Restaurateur Ignatz Goldman, was again continued in the Court of Criminal Correction Tuesday. Judge Murphy ordered a continuance until Jan. 4, for the State and fixed Bargelt's bond at $3,000. When the case was called Tuesday Prosecuting Attorney Mulvihill stated that the Police Department had not secured the necessary witnesses for the State and asked for a continuance. Bargelt's attorney, John A. Gernez, strenously objected. He says that he will have Bargelt out of jail by 5 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Car Fender Company.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Secretary of State to-day chartered the National Automatic Car Fender Co. of St. Louis; capital, $125,000. Incorporators—Henry Moser, C. H. Hofmeister, D. P. Shields and Jesse Graham.

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DYSPEPSIA THE CHIEF CAUSE OF CONSUMPTION.

FACTS WITH WHICH FEW ARE FAMILIAR.

Dyspepsia or ordinary indigestion is seldom regarded as a dangerous disease, yet doctors now realize that any disturbance of the digestive function is but a stepping stone to the most dangerous and fatal of all diseases—dread consumption.

This appears very clear when we consider that consumption, as the name implies, is but a consuming of the body's substance. Weakness and emaciation naturally result.

The body of a person who does not properly digest food undergoes wasting, and you may safely assume that every pale, thin person of your acquaintance is not properly digesting and absorbing food. In other words, the substance of the body is being consumed and when the cough puts in an appearance they will be regarded as consumptives.

The symptoms of consumption and those arising from certain forms of indigestion are practically identical. Therefore don't despair even if you think your lungs may be affected. First try to repair your stomach and put it in order. This is best done by a very harmless though very ingenious remedy—the Shaker Digestive Cordial.

This product, prepared by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, aids the digestion of food in the stomach, and when food is once digested, it is quickly absorbed.

If you are dyspeptic, don't wait until some more dangerous disease has appeared. Correct the trouble at once.

A single 10-cent bottle of the Shaker Digestive Cordial will be sufficient to convince you of its merit, and its continued use is almost certain to effect a cure. All druggists keep it and can supply you with an interesting descriptive pamphlet.

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Alternate our Cerebrine, extract of the brain, three times daily, with Cardine, extract of the heart. Use our Natrolithic Salts occasionally.

Josephine, Rochester.—What would you advise for the skin when it becomes red and blotchy?

Natrolithic Salts, two teaspoonfuls in a tumbler of hot water, a half hour before breakfast, twice a week.

Mrs. G., Newark.—Will you please inform me what I can take for a "granulated" throat? It has been so for several years.

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VISITORS IN THE CITY.

F. S. Gennung, a merchant of Indian Territory, is at the Planters'.

Lon V. Stephens, State Treasurer, arrived from Jefferson City Tuesday morning. He is stopping at the Planters'.

C. Crawford, paymaster of the Vandalia Railroad of Terre Haute, is at the Planters'.

Peter Kieus, Jr., a merchant of Dubuque, Io., is at the Planters'.

Louis Phillips and wife of the City of Mexico are at the Lindell.

Hans von Gontard, brother of Paul von Gontard, who married Miss Busch, is stopping at the Southern.

C. B. Parsons of Bonne Terre, Mo., is at the Southern.

C. C. Perry, Sheriff of Roswell, N. M., is stopping at the Laclede.

J. L. Bittinger of St. Joseph, Mo., is at the Southern.

Camus Jeune of Bordeaux, France, is at the St. Nicholas.

Senor Ledover of the City of Mexico is at the St. Nicholas.

State Senator Campbell of McLeansboro, Ill., is at the Planters'.

Capt. James Lamb of New Orleans is at the Laclede. He came here for the purpose of buying a steamboat.

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J. Lanyon, owner of a large smelting works of Pittsburg, Kan., is at the Laclede.

A. H. Lipstad, a merchant of Dallas, is at the Lindell.

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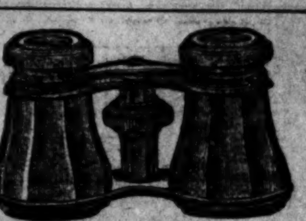

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Herewith notifies his friends that during the holiday season he will be in the Finger Ring Dept. of the MERMOD & JACCARD JEWELRY CO., BROADWAY, CORNER LOCUST, where he will be pleased to wait upon them.

Mr. Jos. J. Samesreuther,

For the past ten years book-keeper for the MERMOD & JACCARD JEWELRY CO., BROADWAY and LOCUST ST., advises his friends that he has changed his position for a more active one, that of salesman, and he would be pleased to have his friends call upon him, and he assures them that their wants in the beautiful lines of goods of the MERMOD & JACCARD JEWELRY CO. will receive his most careful and conscientious attention.

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Mr. J. A. Robinson

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MR. WIRT A. FARISS

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MAN—Situation by colored man to fire furnace and clean steps; good reference. Address W. R., 114 S. Leonard av.

MAN—An industrious and intelligent man wishes steady work at $1 per day. Address R 877, this office.

MAN AND WIFE—Wanted, situation by a man and his wife to do any kind of work. Call or address 2020 Division st.

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LAUNDRESS—Good laundress wants washing to take home. 3154½ Easton av., rear.

LADY—Thorough business woman desires position in department store; can manage any department, millinery preferred; best of refs. Add. T 876, this office.

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Castings and repairs for stoves and ranges of every description. J. FORSHAW, 111 N. 12th st.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

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Lost.

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DOG—If parties who found red Irish setter, with sore on ear and white spot under breast do not return him and receive reward they will get into trouble. Dog was lost Saturday near Grand and Pine. Return to 3416 Pine st.

DOG—Lost, black spaniel dog, collar and tag. Two dollars reward for his return to 2049 Geyer av.

DOG—Lost, small white pointer bitch. Liberal reward at 2609 Park av. License and name on collar.

EARRING—Lost, diamond screw earring downtown. Return; reward. 7 N. Garrison av.

MONEY—Lost, Saturday, between 6th and Washington av., Crawford's and Jordan's, $20 in currency. Please Address M 883, this office.

SILK BAG—Lost, in the Grand Opera-house, Saturday night, a lady's small black silk bag, with silver mouth-piece. Finder please address T 884, this office.

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PERSONAL.

PERSONAL—Sister: Letter received; make it Friday; you have my love and sympathy. Bro.

PERSONAL—I wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Sil. King.

PERSONAL—Brunette young lady to travel; give description, with age. Address F 884, this office.

PERSONAL—Young resident lawyer desires acquaintance of lady matrimonially inclined who will assist him financially. Add. C 883, this office.

PERSONAL—Refined young gentleman of means, honorable business, splendid family connections, does not smoke, drink or gamble, kind disposition, wishes acquaintance and correspondence with refined young Protestant lady, musically inclined; a lover of nature, good disposition, medium blonde or brunette, not over 5 feet 5, or 28 years; object matrimony. Address in confidence, P 883, this office.

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MORGAN LOAN CO. will lend $10 and upwards on furniture, pianos, bicycles and other security, and guarantee the best rates in the city; weekly or monthly payments accepted. Call or address 1015 Morgan st.

MONEY LOANED quietly and confidentially on furniture and pianos, property to be left in your possession, we make you a loan any way you desire; money can be paid back in installments and save interest; no publicity or charges for papers; rates lowest and easiest; leases and loans paid off and more money advanced; also loans on bicycles, typewriters, sewing machines, and all good security. National Loan Co., 1303 Washington av., 2d floor.

MONEY TO LOAN—On furniture and pianos, any amount you desire, without removing property from house; money can be paid back in installments and save interest; no commission or charges for papers; money given the same day applied for. John C. King, 814 Morgan st. Business private.

RESPECTABLE parties can borrow money on furniture, etc., of private party on easy terms; lowest rates; no extra charge for papers, by calling at 904 Olive st., room 2.

PRIVATE PARTY WILL

Advance money to honest people on pianos, furniture, etc., and you keep possession; money loaned for the interest; do not want your goods; no inquiries made of your neighbors; no mortgages recorded; business done privately, quickly; low rates and honest dealing. Private party, 810 Security building, cor. 4th and Locust sts.

Respectable parties can borrow money on furniture or pianos on easy monthly payments without removal, in sums and terms to suit. Business confidential.
COMMERCIAL LOAN CO.,
712 Pine St., second floor.

FURNITURE LOANS.

Money to loan on furniture at residence without removal; lowest rates; business strictly confidential. Union Loan Co., 1108 Pine st.

DO YOU WANT MONEY

The Fidelity Loan Co. will lend you any amount from $10 upward at the lowest possible rate, on furniture, pianos, horses or personal property of any kind, the property to be left in your undisturbed possession; payment can be made in full or in part at any time to suit the convenience of the borrower, and any payments made reduce the cost of carrying the loan; if you owe a balance on your furniture or piano we will pay it for you; loans can be made without any publicity to the borrower.
THE FIDELITY LOAN CO.,
602 CHESTNUT ST., SECOND FLOOR.

IMPORTANT TO LANDLORDS.

Commencing January 1, 1896, we will

GUARANTEE THE COLLECTION OF ALL RENTS

Placed in our charge under our new system.
We will be pleased to explain methods and terms and solicit a call from property owners.

ANDERSON-WADE REALTY CO.,
EIGHTH AND LOCUST.

WANTED—TO EXCHANGE.

WATCH—To exchange, a valuable gold watch for a gent's safety wheel. J. H. DeHoney, 715 N. Jefferson av.

STORAGE.

ANY drug store is authorized to receive want advertisements for the Post-Dispatch.

STORAGE—Regular storage house for furniture, pianos, vehicles, trunks, boxes, etc.; safe, reliable, clean rooms; get our rates; careful moving, packing, shipping, etc.; estimates free; money loaned. Consign goods to our care. Telephone 4122. R. U. Leonori, Jr., & Co., 1219-1221 Olive st.

FIDELITY STORAGE, PACKING & MOVING CO
1723-25-27 and 29 Morgan St.
Branch Office, 1103 Pine st. Phones 2890 and 4101.

ELECTION NOTICES.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The annual meeting of the stockholders of Fox Bros. Mfg. Co., for the election of directors, will be held at the office of the company, corner Sidney and Ohio av., Monday, January 13, 1896, at 9 a. m.
GEORGE C. FOX, President.
EDMOND A. THOMAS, Secretary. 5105

STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harland Patent Can Co., for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held in the office of said company in St. Louis, on Monday, January 20th, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m.
WM H. GREGG, JR., President.
E. H. DYER, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18, 1895. 5103

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mound City Paint & Color Co., for the election of directors and such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held in the office of said company in St. Louis, on Monday, January 20th, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m. NORRIS B. GREGG, President.
E. H. DYER, Secretary.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18, 1895. 5102

STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS.

NOTICE of Stockholders' Meeting—St. Louis, November 26, 1895. Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Fourth Street and Arsenal Railway Company has been duly called and will be held at the office of the company, No. 1801 Park av., in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, on the 30th day of January, 1896, at 9 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following propositions, viz.:

First. A proposition to increase the capital stock of the Fourth Street and Arsenal Railway Company from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (its present authorized capital) to three hundred thousand dollars.

Second. A proposition to increase the bonded indebtedness of said company from one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to three hundred thousand dollars by issuing twenty year, six per cent gold bonds in the latter amount in place of the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds heretofore authorized but not issued, and to be used to retire the old bonded indebtedness of the company, and also to convert the railroad of the company into a railroad to be operated by electricity, and for such other purposes as may be determined.

Third. To act upon any other matters which may properly be brought before the meeting.

Witness the signatures of the President and Secretary of said company, and also the signatures of all the directors of said company.
CHARLES GREEN, President.
CHARLES J. MAGUIRE, Secretary.
CHARLES GREEN,
JOHN MAHONEY,
JAMES CAMPBELL,
4932 Directors.

LEGAL.

NOTICE—The undersigned assignee will, at 12 o'clock on
THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1895,
at the east front door of the Courthouse, in the City of St. Louis, sell at public sale, for cash, to the highest bidder, the uncollected accounts and one promissory note belonging to the assigned estate of Stern & Mohlmann. For list of accounts and particulars inquire at 1103 Union Trust Building.
5114 JACOB P. WEIL, Assignee.

NOTICE of Final Settlement—Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Abraham Geist, deceased, that I, the undersigned executor of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, to be holden at the Court-house in said city on the first Monday of March next. ZELKY GEIST,
Executor of Abraham Geist, Deceased.
W. C. & J. C. JONES, Attorneys for Executor.
St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1895. 4977

COMMISSIONER'S Sale in Partition—Margaret A. Kelly vs. Kate Lyons and John Lyons, 92,875. By virtue of a decree and order of sale issued by the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, in the above cause of date July 12, 1895, the undersigned, as special commissioner, will sell according to law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the east front door of the Court-house, City of St. Louis, on the
3D DAY OF JANUARY, 1896,
Between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., the following property, situated in the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, to-wit: Lots numbered 1, 2 and 3, of block numbered 10, of Watson's Fruit Hill subdivision of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, as per amended plat thereof, on record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for said city, said block numbered 10 being now city block numbered 3849, said lots having an aggregate front of 175 feet and 8 inches, more or less, on the south line of Wagner avenue, by a depth southwardly on the east line of lot numbered 1 of 164 feet 3¼ inches, and on the west line of lot numbered 3 of 207 feet 4½ inches, and are bounded north by Wagner avenue, west by the Narrow Gauge railroad, as it was south by lot now or formerly owned by one Flaherty, east by Hodiamont avenue, and being the same lots conveyed by Philip Smith and wife to Mary Stack, Kate Lyons and James Stack, by deed recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the City of St. Louis, on August 16, 1883, on the following terms: One-third in cash, the balance in one and two years, the deferred payments to be secured by a deed of trust on said property, to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, with privilege to the purchaser of paying all cash, provided he elects so to do, before the approval of the sale by the court. HOWARD TAYLOR,
4974 Special Commissioner, 1 N. Broadway.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE IN PARTITION—Pursuant to a decree and order of sale of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, made at the October term thereof, on Nov. 18, 1895, in a cause wherein Henry Zurheide and Mary Zurheide, his wife, are plaintiffs and Anna Steffens, Frederick G. Steffens, Arnold L. Steffens and Theodore H. Steffens are defendants (being numbered 99,573), I, the undersigned, special commissioner, will, on
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1896,
at the east front door of the Court-house in said City of St. Louis, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of said Circuit Court, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate situated in said City of St. Louis, to-wit:

A certain tract of land containing about five 336-1,000 acres in United States Survey No. 3217 and particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake at the northwest corner of Bates street and the Morganford road, thence running westwardly along the north line of Bates street 932 feet 9¼ inches to a stake in the east line of Gravois avenue, thence running northwardly along the east line of Gravois avenue 325 feet 6½ inches to a stake in the south line of a tract of land heretofore deeded to one L. H. Lohmeyer by deed recorded in book 1125, p. 18 of the Recorder's Office of the City of St. Louis, thence running eastwardly along the south line of land of L. H. Lohmeyer 698 feet 3½ inches to a stake set in the west line of Morganford road, and which stake is 292 feet 11¼ inches north from the place of beginning, thence running southwardly along said west line of Morganford road 292 11¼ inches to the place of beginning, said tract of land being bounded southwardly by Bates street, eastwardly by Morganford road, northwardly by said land deeded to said L. H. Lohmeyer and westwardly by Gravois avenue, on which real estate a two-story brick house is situated.

Terms of sale are as follows, viz.: one-third cash, balance in equal payments at one and two years, the deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and secured by deed of trust on the property sold, with the privilege, however, on the part of the purchaser to pay all cash, if he so desires and elect at the time of the sale, such sale to be subject to the approval of the court.
HERMAN J. KREMBS,
Special Commissioner,
[illegible] Park Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. [illegible]

LEGAL.

TO the Creditors of Peerless Building and Loan Association—Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order made and entered of record in the above entitled cause, on the 12th day of December, 1895, the undersigned commissioner appointed for that purpose, will attend at his office, room 100 Laclede building, southwest corner Fourth and Olive streets, in the City of St. Louis, during the week beginning January 13th, 1896, and ending January 18th, 1896, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of each day during said week, for the purpose of receiving and deciding upon claims against the estate and effects of said Peerless Building and Loan Association.

All persons who may have claims against said association are notified to appear and present the same to the undersigned upon some day during the term above fixed.

All creditors and others who shall neglect to present their claims to the undersigned upon some day during the term above fixed will be debarred of all right to share in the assets of said Peerless Building and Loan Association.
SIDNEY E. DAVIS, Commissioner.
ALEX GARESCHE, JR., Receiver.
St. Louis, December 23d, 1895. 5143

K. T. CHRISTMAS services will be held by the St. Louis commanderies, united, at Masonic Hall, 7th and Market sts., Christmas, at 10 a. m. Sir knights will appear in civilian dress. Visiting sir knights courteously invited. By order of
LEROY B. VALLIANT, E. C., St. Louis No. 1.
HERBERT DURAND, E. C., Ivanhoe No. 8.
J. C. FINAGIN, E. C., St. Aldemar No. 18.
B. F. NELSON, E. C., Ascalon No. 16.
E. J. GROSS, E. C., Baldwin No. 70.

IN the Matter of Assigned Estate of Imperial Building and Loan Association—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on the 2d day of January, 1896, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., at the law office of William F. Smith, 506 Olive street, in the city of St. Louis, sit for the purpose of adjusting and allowing demands against said estate, and will remain in attendance and session for same purpose, at same place, during two consecutive days thereafter, between same hours. THOMAS HOLLINSHEAD,
Assignee of Imperial Building and Loan Association. 4951

ESTATE of Mary A. Herries, Deceased.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary A. Herries, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, on the 11th day of November, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1895.
ALEXANDER K. HERRIES,
Administrator of Mary A. Herries, Deceased.
S. T. G. SMITH, Attorney, 122 N. 3d st. 4978

NOTICE of Final Settlement—Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Wm. C. Day, deceased, that I, the undersigned executor of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, to be holden at the Court-house in said city on the first Monday of March next. MARY F. DAY,
Executrix.
St. Louis, Dec. 4, 1895. 4976

IN the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, State of Missouri. Mary A. Ross, plaintiff, vs. Ross, Wright & Stroud Supply Company, defendant. To the creditors of the Ross, Wright & Stroud Supply Company: You are hereby notified that the undersigned has been appointed by the St. Louis Circuit Court, referee in the above entitled cause, to hear proof and pass upon the claims which may be filed against said defendant, the Ross, Wright & Stroud Supply Company, and that he will proceed to hear proof and pass upon said claims at his office, room 7, Insurance Exchange Building, southeast corner of Broadway and Olive street, St. Louis, Missouri, on Wednesday, the 15th day of January, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day. FORD SMITH,
Referee.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24, 1895. 5144

ESTATE of Enoch Worsley, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Enoch Worsley, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis on the 19th day of December, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1895.
AMELIA WORSLEY,
5145 Administratrix of Enoch Worsley, Deceased.

STATE of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss. In the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis. October term, 1895. Thursday, November 7, 1895. Theodore Schaedle vs. (249A) Marie Schaedle.

It appearing to the court from the petition herein, verified by affidavit, that defendant is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, on motion of plaintiff it is ordered that said defendant be notified that a civil action has been commenced against her, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, on the ground that defendant, wholly disregarding her duties as the wife of plaintiff, has absented herself from plaintiff without a reasonable cause for the space of ten years next before the filing of this petition, and still continues to absent herself from plaintiff; and unless she appear at the term of this court to be begun and held at the City of St. Louis, on the first Monday of February next, and on or before the third day thereof, answer the plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken against her as confessed.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a newspaper printed and published in the City of St. Louis.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, this 15th day of November, 1895.
(Seal of Court.) THOS. B. RODGERS, Clerk.
CARL UNGER, Attorney for Plaintiff. 5148

ESTATE of Leonore Hartmann, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Leonore Hartmann, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis on the 5th day of December, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1895.
HENRY HARTMANN,
MARTIN L. M'ADORY,
Executors of of Leonore Hartmann, Deceased.
5140

ESTATE of Oscar Theodore Wagner, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Oscar Theodore Wagner, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, on the 20th day of December, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1895.
ALBERT BAUM,
Administrator of Oscar Theodore Wagner, Deceased. 5147

STATE of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss.—In the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis. December term, 1895. Friday, December 13th, 1895. Jessie C. Haffner vs. (No. 85, February term, '96) Jessie M. Haffner.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court from the affidavit filed in this cause that defendant is a non-resident of the State of Missouri, and the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon her, therefore, on motion of plaintiff by attorney, it is ordered that said defendant be notified that a civil action has been commenced against her, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, on the grounds that defendant, wholly disregarding her duties as the wife of plaintiff, left this plaintiff without cause or provocation and went out of the State, and that defendant has so conducted herself as to render the condition of plaintiff intolerable; and unless she appear at the term of this court to be begun and held at the City of St. Louis, on the first Monday of February next, and on or before the third day thereof answer the plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken against her as confessed.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published according to law in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a newspaper printed and published in the City of St. Louis.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, this 16th day of December, 1895.
(Seal of Court.) THOS. B. RODGERS, Clerk. [illegible]

ESTATE of Sophia Dombach, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Sophia Dombach, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis on the 16th day of December, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1895.
PHILIP ANTHES,
5087 Administrator of Sophia Dombach, Deceased.

ESTATE of Mary Barry, Deceased.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary Barry, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, on the 6th day of December, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1895.
DANIEL BARRY,
4979 Administrator of Mary Barry, Deceased.

STATE of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss.—In the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, December term, 1895, Thursday, December 20, 1895.—Marie J. Woodlief vs. (102, February Term, 1896) Paul B. Woodlief.

It appearing from the petition herein, duly verified by affidavit, that plaintiff has made reasonable and diligent search to ascertain the present place of abode of defendant, but has been unable to locate him, and that he has absented himself from his usual place of abode in this State, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him, on motion of plaintiff, by attorney, it is ordered that said defendant be notified that a civil action has been commenced against him, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from the bonds of matrimony existing betwen said parties, on the grounds that defendant frequently applied vile, abusive and slanderous epithets to plaintiff in the presence of strangers, that, although an able-bodied man, has failed to provide for plaintiff the necessaries of life for the past year and over, and has been guilty of adultery, and unless he appear at the term of this court to be begun and held at the City of St. Louis on the first Monday of February, next, and on or before the third day thereof answer the plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken against him as confessed.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, a newspaper printed and published in the City of St. Louis.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and seal of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, this 20th day of December, 1895.
(Seal of Court.) THOS. B. RODGERS, Clerk.
5146

ESTATE of Richard T. Brophy, Deceased.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Richard T. Brophy, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis, on the 27th day of November, 1895.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they will be forever barred.

Dated this 2d day of December, 1895.
PETER T. MADDEN.
CAMPBELL & RYAN, Attorneys. 4981

SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue and authority of an execution, issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, returnable to the February Term, 1896, of said Court, and to me directed, in favor of John Rhein and Anna Maria Rhein, plaintiffs, and against Margaret F. Guyot and H. K. Bunch, security, defendants, I have levied upon and seized, as the property of the above named defendant, H. K. Bunch, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 13 and the eastern 5 feet of lot No. 14, in city block 1265, of the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, said lot No. 13, together with said eastern 5 feet of said lot No. 14, fronting 30 feet on south line of Rutger street by depth of 125 feet to an alley 15 feet wide, and I will, on
WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1896,
Between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court-house, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described property, to satisfy said execution and costs. HENRY TROLL,
Sheriff of the City of St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21, 1895. 5117

SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue and authority of a general and special execution, issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the City of St. Louis, returnable to the December term, 1895, of said Court, and to me directed, wherein Henry Whitney is plaintiff and Albert T. Cook, Al Homes Bldg Co., a corporation, Rose A. Bambrick, Thos. J. Rowe, Julius C. Garrells, Lincoln Trust Co., a corporation, and Alexander Young, are defendants, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate, situated in the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, and charged with the mechanic's lien, on which this action is founded, and described in said execution as follows, to-wit:

A lot in block 4470 of said city, having a front of 45 feet on the southern line of Kennerly avenue by a depth southwardly to an alley, bounded on the east by property now or formerly of the Hope Building and Real Estate Co., and west by property now or formerly of John R. Weber, and being the western 19 feet of lot 2 and the eastern 26 feet of lot 3 of Cottage place, in said block, together with the improvements thereon, and I will, on
FRIDAY, THE 3D DAY OF JANUARY, 1896,
between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court-house in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above described property, to satisfy said execution and costs.
HENRY TROLL,
Sheriff, City of St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9, 1895. 4973

SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue and authority of an execution, issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, City of St. Louis, returnable to the February Term, 1896, of said Court, and to me directed in favor of Boatmens Bank, a corporation, plaintiff, and against Hugh L. Fox, defendant, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest, claim, estate and property of the defendant above named, of, in and to the following described real estate, situated in the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, and described as follows, to-wit:

I. A lot in block No. 163 of the City of St. Louis, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the south line of Spruce street, distant eastwardly from the east line of Sixth street 45 feet, thence east on the south line of Spruce street 82 feet to the west line of an alley 15 feet wide, thence south along the west line of said alley 110 feet to the north line of property of Chas. Gietner, thence west along said Gietner's north line 82 feet to the east line of property of James C. Ghio, thence north along said Ghio's east line 110 feet to the place of beginning; bounded north by Spruce street, east by an alley 15 feet wide, south by property of Gietner and west by property of Ghio.

II. A lot in block No. 184 of the City of St. Louis, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point where the north line of Market street intersects the east line of Eighth street, thence running east along the north line of Market street 70 feet, thence north and parallel to said Eighth street 108 feet 9 inches, more or less, to the south line of an alley 15 feet wide, thence west along said south line of alley 70 feet to the east line of Eighth street, thence south along said east line of Eighth street 108 feet 10½ inches to the beginning; bounded north by said alley, east by property of Carpenter, south by Market street and west by Eighth street.

III. Lots 15 and 16 in block No. 3 of North Stoddard Addition and lot 17 of Wilson's Addition, all in block No. 974 of the City of St. Louis, said lots containing an aggregate front of 72 feet and 3½ inches on the south line of Sheridan avenue by a depth south along the west line of Elliott avenue of 150 feet to an alley 15 feet wide; bounded north by Sheridan avenue, east by Elliott avenue, south by said alley and west by lot 14 in block 3 of North Stoddard Addition.

IV. Lot No. 8 in Welle's Subdivision in block No. 2894 of the City of St. Louis, said lot having a front of 100 feet on the north line of Lindell boulevard by a depth north of 250 feet to an alley 20 feet wide; bounded north by said alley, south by Lindell boulevard, east by lot 9 and west by lot 7 of said Welle's Subdivision in said block No. 2894, and I will, on
WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1896,
Between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court-house, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title, interest, claim, estate and property of the above named defendant of, in and to the above described property, to satisfy said execution and costs.
HENRY TROLL,
Sheriff of the City of St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. [illegible], 1895. [illegible]

PENNY LUNCH ROOM.

Provident Association Starts a Boon for the Worthy Poor.

At 12 o'clock Tuesday the St. Louis Provident Association's restaurant, 1313 Locust street, was opened for business. It differs from all other restaurants in St. Louis in the matter of prices. No article of food costs more than one cent there, and for four cents a man can put himself outside of a good substantial meal that will fit him for a hard day's work. Five cents pays for a startling variety of edibles.

The opening of the new enterprise was announced in Monday's Post-Dispatch, and the announcement was responded to in numbers by the army of the hungry unemployed. The restaurant accommodates twenty-eight diners at one time, but there were many standing waiting their turn at the tables, after all the chairs had been taken. As fast as as a chair was vacated it was seized upon by a hungry candidate for a meal.

Having pre-empted a chair the hungry man applied at a high counter at the north end of the room for what he desired to eat. A young man in spotless white apron behind the counter, drew cups of steaming coffee, ladled out rich soup, dished up pork and beans, cut slices of bread, and piled stews up on plates and passed the dishes over the counter, with a rapidity that was astonishing. The applicant having secured what he wanted, returned to his table and put it where it would do the most good. Everything served was kept hot in shining vessels over a gas stove arrangement that kept them piping.

Over the heating apparatus was the bill of fare, so that every person knew before hand what his meal would cost.

If he had but one penny, he got a hot cup of excellent drip coffee, or half a pound of good fresh bread. If he possessed two pennies, he got both articles. Three pennies bought him a bowl of excellent soup, half a pound of bread and a cup of coffee. Such plutocrats as had four pennies to squander got corned beef hash, half a pound of bread and coffee.

One man walked up to the counter prepared to invest the price of a beer in a meal. He was regarded by the rest as a willful spendthrift and looked upon askance by those who had been content with bread and coffee, as an oppressor of the poor. He walked to his table with a dish of corned beef hash, another of pork and beans, his half-pound of bread and a full cup of coffee. He was asked whether he preferred corned beef hash or beef stew, and chose the latter. The load was rather an extensive one, and the purchaser looked like an awkward waiter with the dishes strung along his arm.

That is where the association practices economy. There are no waiters, save those waiting for place at table.

The restaurant will remain open until 8 o'clock to-night, and hereafter will be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 8 at night. Besides the meals served in the restaurant anyone can procure meals to be taken home by bringing with them suitable vessels. This arrangement is designed especially for laboring women, who will thus be saved the necessity of cooking supper for their families after a hard day's work. For 15 cents enough food for six persons will be furnished, including coffee.

The restaurant is sufficiently commodious for its purpose. The seven shining white deal tables are covered with clean marble cloths, and everything is as bright and clean as it can be made. Back of the dining room is a kitchen and back of that is a second one, so that the largest rush can be accommodated. The kitchens and all the utensils show the result of energetic scourings. An efficient man cook presides over the kitchens.

"The philosophy of this," said Manager Thomas M. Finney of the Provident Association, "is that it is a preventive charity. The meals are not free, yet they are within the reach of everyone and leave no excuse for anyone begging for food. We do not expect it to be altogether self-supporting, but we believe the margin will be a narrow one. Almost all the expense of fitting up the establishment has been covered by the donations we have received."

Similar enterprises have been in existence in Eastern cities for some time. This is the first ever attempted in St. Louis. In the report of President R. M. Scruggs of the association, this is said of the plan:

"This plan provides cheap, not free meals. The latter we deprecate as of hurtful tendency, and such it is shown to be upon protracted trial in all the large cites of the world. There will, therefore, be no sale of meal tickets to the public, to be distributed indiscriminately to unknown applicants, mendicants tracking the footsteps of the vender of the tickets to gather them up and the lazy and vicious feasting on the product of other men's labors. This arrangement is made not solely for homeless men but also for families, who can thereby be supplied with cooked food at a very small cost."

AVENGED THE DOG.

And Now There Is a Warrant Out for Michael Nicholson.

Deputy Boiler Inspector A. A. Stoltzenburg swore out a warrant Tuesday charging Michael Nicholson of 2903 Bailey street with assault and battery.

On November 17 Stoltzenburg was walking along Pleasant street near Lee avenue and a few paces ahead of him was Nicholson who was followed by a bull-dog. Miss Mary E. Armstrong of 4137 Pleasant street passed the dog and her dress brushed against the brute. It attacked her and Stoltzenburg beat it off. Then he started toward his home at 4132A Peck avenue. He had hardly taken a dozen steps before Nicholson ran up behind him and hit him on the head with a rock.

Stoltzenburg fell unconscious. He was carried to his home by some people who had been attracted to the scene when Nicholson's bull-dog attacked Miss Armstrong. Nicholson has not been arrested.

A MARRIAGE MYSTERY.

This Couple Were Made One Midway of the Eads Bridge.

Rev. R. J. Kellog of the Summitt Avenue M. E. Church in East St. Louis is puzzled yet over a wedding ceremony he performed in the center of Ead's Bridge last Wednesday.

A couple called upon him to marry them at his residence, but their marriage license proved to have been issued in St. Louis, therefore inoperative in his vineyard. They did not want to be married in Missouri, and it was accordingly agreed that the ceremony be performed on the bridge midway between Illinois and Missouri, out of the jurisdiction of either State. It was hastily accomplished, and the couple drove back to St. Louis.

Who the couple were it has been impossible to ascertain positively. Rev. Kellog made return on one marriage license as having been accepted by him last Wednesday. It was made out in the names of William J. Kersey and Mattie Taylor. It was issued, though, in July last, and licenses are good but for ninety days. Kersey's address as given was 1010 Carr street, but he never resided there, according to residents of the neighborhood. The address given by Miss Taylor, 1016 North Eleventh street, is a vacant lot.

LIFE SAVERS DROWNED.

Sixteen Men Lost in Making for a Ship in Distress.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—A large three-masted vessel has been seen flying signals of distress in Kingstown Bay. A life-boat which went to her assistance was capsized and her crew of sixteen men were drowned.

A second life-boat which started for the rescue was also overturned, but the crew managed to cling to the boat which was finally righted. The fate of the three-master is not known.

Street Car Men Get Turkeys.

Several barrels of turkeys were distributed among the employes of the Peoples' Railway Co., which is the Christmas gift of their president, Mr. Charles Green.

THE MARKETS.

On the Curb.

The Merchants' Exchange was closed to-day and the attendance on the "curb" was smaller than it usually is on a holiday. There was some trading and a stronger feeling was exhibited in both wheat and corn. English markets were open and cables reported rather better prices, Liverpool quoting ¼d advance. The feeling was better in the London stock market. New York reported that only $500,000 in gold would be shipped to-morrow. Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 688 cars, against 926 one year ago. Chicago received 196 cars and reported 58⅛c bid for May wheat. Sales in the St. Louis market were at 58⅜c to 58¾c. Receipts were 27,356 bu. Corn was strong, with 24½c bid for December and 25¼c for May. Receipts were 36,500 bu at St. Louis and 459 cars at Chicago. The rainy weather was the bull card in corn.

Russian exports last week were 2,464,000 bu wheat and 24,000 bu corn. Danubian exports 1,248,000 bu wheat.

Private wire to W. A. Rooke: Letter from Liverpool dated Dec. 14 says: "We have been influenced by weakness in your markets for wheat and close very flat, but good opinion is held that your bulls do not know the real strength of their position, or perhaps are waiting until they have got in deep enough to act. Here good spring wheat is sold most freely and has about reached its level. Winter is neglected and stock consists mostly of this kind carried against options. India and Russian are getting scarce and millers may have to turn to America before long. We see reports of 7,000,000 quarters surplus in Argentina are given as reason as decline yesterday. Crop reports continue good, but we see no reason to change estimates given to us of 4,500,000 to 5,000,000 quarters for export. Some of old crop has been shipped to the Continent, but sellers of new shipments for February and March are so firm that they cannot expect a big yield like 1894."

ON THE STREET.

NOTICE—Economy of space requires the omission of markets infrequently changed. Therefore, articles not quoted are to be noted as unchanged from prices given on their next preceding publication.

(The Post-Dispatch quotations are for lots in first hands, unless otherwise quoted. Orders are filled with choice goods and are lighter.)

FRUITS.

APPLES—Demand fair on local account and market steady. Ben Davis selling at $2@2.25, Geniting at $1.50@1.75; willow twig at $2.75@3, and winesap at $2.50@2.75.

STRAWBERRIES—California in good supply and slow at 15@25c per pint box.

GRAPES—In fair demand. New York Catawba and Concord, 12@12½c per pony basket.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Pears $2@2.50 per 40-lb crate; Japanese persimmons, $1@1.25.

ORANGES—Larger supplies and sales lower, as the holiday trade was about supplied. California, Washington Navels, 80-size, $3.50 per box; 90-size, $3.75; 112-size, $3.90; 126-size, $4; 150-size $4.25; 176-size, $4.50; 200-size and smaller, $4.75; seedling, $3@3.50; Mexican, $4; Valencia, $6.50@7.50 per case.

LEMONS—Quiet. New Messina, fancy, $3.50@4; fair, $2.75@3.

GRAPE FRUIT—Steady; Jamaica, $5@6 per box.

MALAGA GRAPES—New sell at $5@8 per bbl.

BANANAS—On orders, 75c to $1.50 per bunch.

CRANBERRIES—Steady and demand fair. Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $8.50@9 per bbl; Cape Cod, $8.75@10; Jersey, choice machine cleaned, $7.50 per bbl; fancy hand picked, $8; crates, $2.50@3.

COCOANUTS—$35 per 1,000, $3.50 per 100.

DRIED FRUITS—Slow of sale and market in buyers' favor. Apples—Evaporated rings, bright, 5@5½c per lb; dark, 3@4c; sun-dried quarters, 2@2¾c; jelly stock, 1⅜c. Peaches—Sun-dried, 1¼@1¾c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Quiet. Northern, early Ohio, 40c per bu; rose, 28@30c; peerless, 23@25c; Burbank and Hebron, 25@28c; Iowa, 20@25c; home-grown, 20@25c; small and damaged less.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown, on orders, Bermuda, $1.25 per bbl; Nansemond, $1.75.

ONIONS—Offerings moderate and demand fair; choice to fancy red globe, 50@55c per bu; Weatherfield, 35@40c; damaged and inferior, 20@30c.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quiet at 65@75c per crate.

RUTABAGAS—Demand limited; Northern, 25@27½c per bu del; on orders, $1 per bbl.

TOMATOES—New crop Florida selling at $3@3.50 per 4-basket crate; Mexican and Texas, $1.50@2 per 4-basket crate.

EGG PLANT—Selling at $1.50@2 per case for fresh.

STRING BEANS—Florida in fair demand and smaller supply. Flat, $1.50@1.75 per bushel box; green, $2@2.50.

CUCUMBERS—Firm at $2@2.50 per bu box for Florida; fancy large hot house, $1.50 per dozen.

LETTUCE—Louisiana sold at $3@3.50 per bbl for choice.

CABBAGE—Quiet; Holland seed, $15@16 per ton; good to choice flat, $10@12; large, loose and frosted, $6@9. On orders, choice, $1.50 per crate; Holland seed, 1c per lb.

CELERY—Demand very good; Michigan small, 15@25c per doz; choice white plume, 40@50c; fancy do, 75@80c; Colorado, 35@50c; home-grown, 15@60c; extra large more.

CELERY ROOTS—Selling at 30@40c per doz.

TURNIPS—Home-grown, on orders, 75c@$1 per bbl.

BEETS—Choice on orders, $1 per bbl; new Southern, 35@45c per dozen bunches.

GREEN PEAS—None here. Florida at $2.50@2.75 per bu box.

PARSNIPS—Choice on orders, $1.50@1.75 per bbl.

CAULIFLOWER—Scarce and in demand at $3@5 per doz.

CARROTS—Northern, $10@12 per ton; choice, on orders, $1.25 per bbl.

HORSERADISH—Home-grown, on orders, $3@3.25 per bbl.

SAUERKRAUT—On orders, $3 per bbl and $1.75 per ½-bbl.

POULTRY, GAME AND VEALS.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys in larger supply and lower. Fat ducks and geese were salable, but poor stock not wanted at all. Chickens sold slow. Drawn with head and legs off—Turkeys, 11@11½c per lb; chickens, 7@7½c; old, 5c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 8@9c. Undrawn with head and legs on—Turkeys, 10c; chickens, young, 5½@6c; old, 4½c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 6½@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys lower, 8½@9c per lb; chickens, spring chickens, average receipts, 6c per lb; young roosters, 5c; old hens, 5@5½c; old roosters, 3c. Ducks, 8c per lb; small and thin less. Geese, 5½@6c per lb; plucked, 4c. Pigeons, 75c per doz.

GAME—Dull and lower. Large receipts and little demand; prairie chickens, $7 per dozen; quail, $1.75; wild turkeys, hens, 8c per lb; toms, 10c. Ducks—Mallard, $3.50 per dozen; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing, teal, $1.50; mixed, $1.50; deer carcasses, 10c per lb; venison saddles, 15@17c; woodcock, $7.50; snipe, $1.75; plover, $1@1.25; rabbits, 75@85c; pheasants, $5; quail, selected, $1.50.

VEALS—Demand slow. Choice to fat, 5½c per lb; fair to good, 4½@5c; heretics and poor stock, 3@3½c.

LAMBS—Choice, 3½@4c per lb; poor stock less.

SHEEP—Slow at 2@2½c per lb; bucks, 1@1½c.

ROASTING PIGS—Quiet at 75c@$1.25 per head.

EGGS.

Scarce and firm at 20c per doz, loss off. Ice-house and all held and stale eggs dull at less.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BUTTER—Table grades lower. Creamery—Separator grades, choice to fancy, 23@24c; gathered cream, 20@21c; fancy Elgin, 26@27c. Dairy—Good to choice grades, 17@20c; medium grades, including ladles, 11@15c; low to medium, 5@8c. Country butter—Choice Northern roll, 13@15c; near-by, 10@11c; air-struck and inferior, 6@8c; packed, choice, 8@9c; poor packed and roll, 5@6c. Grease butter, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Quiet. Wisconsin—Full cream, twins, 9¼@10¼c; singles, 9¾@10⅝c; Young America, 9¾@10⅝c. Illinois make—Twins, 8c; singles, 8¼c; Young America, 8½c; Brick, 12c; Limburger, 11c; Swiss, choice, 13@14c.

NUTS.

HICKORY NUTS—Dull; shellbark at 20c per bu.

PEANUTS—Quotable at 1½@2¾c per lb.

PECANS—Very few selling. Texas small to medium, 2¾@3c per lb; choice, 3¼@3½c; fancy large more; Western, 2½@3c.

WALNUTS—Quiet at 40c per bu.

CHESTNUTS—Quiet; Italian, 7@8c.

HAZELNUTS—Steady; salable at 1½c per lb.

HIDES, PELTS, FEATHERS, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—Quiet, but steady.

Round prices—	
Green salted, Western	5¾
Green salted, Arkansas and Southern	5½
Dry flint, choice	10½
Dry flint, average run	10
Dry flint, natives	10
Dry flint, Southern	9
Dry salted	7½
Glue stock, green and dry	2½@ 6
On selection—	
Green salted, No. 1	6
Green salted, No. 2	5¼
Dry flint, No. 1	10½
Dry flint, No. 2	9
Dry salted, No. 1	8
Dry salted, No. 2	7

Uncured 1c and part cured ½c less.

TALLOW—Steady. Prime, in oil barrels, 4c per lb; average stock less, according to quality; No. 2 and stock in irregular pkgs, 3½c; cake, 4¼c.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Deerskins steady at 20c per lb for prime—damaged half price; antelope, 12½c; goatskins, 10@25c less.

SHEEPSKINS—Quiet. Green salted, long-wooled, 40@50c each; dry, 25@40c; smaller sizes and lambs, 25@40c; shearlings, green, 10@20c; dry, 5@15c.

FEATHERS—Dull, lower; prime white, live, small sacks, 43c; large sacks, 41c; gray and quilly, 30c; white old, 30@32c; X, 26@28c; XX, 16@18c; XXX, 12@14c; XXXX, 7@8c; tare, 3@10 per cent. Chickens—Dry picked, 2½c. Duck—Dark, 20c; white, 28c. Turkey—Tal, prime, 15c; wing, 8c; wing and tail mixed, 9c; wing, tail and pointers, 5c; pointers, 2½c.

GREASE—Brown, 2¾c; yellow, 3¼c; white, 3⅝c.

BEESWAX—Prime stock, 28¼c per lb.

ROOTS—Ginseng, $2.35@2.65 per lb; seneca, 18@22c; lady slipper, 4c; golden seal, 16@17c; snake, 17@19c—white worth less; blue flag, 4c; pink, 14c; May apple, 1¼@2c; angelica, 3c; wahoo, sweet bark, 4c; blood, 1¾@2½c; golden thread, 7c; bark of root, 8c; wahoo, bark of tree, 4c; bitter butterfly, 3c; twin leaf, 3c; pleurisy root, 3½c.

WOOL.

Inactive, but steady.

	Med. Clo & Comb.	Low and Braid.	Light Fine.	Heavy Fine.
Mo., Ill., etc	14@15	12@14	11@11½	8@ 9
Kn., Neb., etc	10@12	8@10	8@10	6@ 7
Tx., Ark., etc	11@13	10@11	9@11	6@ 8
Dk., Wy., etc	10@11½	8@10	8@10	7@ 8

BURRY—Slightly, 3@5c less; hard, 5@7c less; Southern, 6½c. Sand-Burry and Shivey, 6c. Tub-washed—Choice, 20@20½c; fair, 18@19c; low, 15@16c.

FURS.

Receipts liberal and demand fair.

Raccoon, No. 1 large	45	Broad stripe..10@	15
No. 1 medium	35	Tex. & Ter.....15@	25
No. 2	25	Civet cat.....10@	15
No. 3	15	Opossum.....5@	10
No. 4	07	Red fox.....10@	90
Mink—No. 1, large	70	Muskrat.....5@	10
No. 1 medium	50	Wildcat.....10@	30
No. 2	25	Otter.....50@$	6 00
No. 3	15	Beaver.....50@	5 50
No. 4	07	Wolf, prairie..10@	40
Skunk—Black	80	Wolf, timber...10@	1 00
Short stripe..50@	55	Bear.....25@	15 00
Narrow stripe.25@	30	Badger.....5@	10
		House cat.....5@	15

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS—Trees, $10@40 per 100—extra large more; wreathing pine, $1.25 per coil of 20 yards; holly, $3@4 per 50-lb box.

SPIRITS—Distillers' finished goods, $1.22 per gallon.

BAGGING—On orders, 1¾-lb, 4c per lb; 2-lb, 4½c; 2¼-lb, 5c. Iron ties, 8c; twine, 9c.

RAGS, OLD ROPE AND RUBBER—Rags, 50@60c per 100 lbs. Old rope—No. 1, $1.25; No. 2, 50c; Old rubber—Arctics out, $4.

BONES—Demand good for choice bleached at $15 per ton; partly bleached, $12@14; skinny, $9@10; junk, $10; slaughter house stock, $7@10.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Iron, wrought, 40c per 100 lbs; Heavy cast, steel and malleable, 27½c; stove plate and burnt, 20c. Brass, light, $3.50; heavy, $6.50. Copper, $8. Lead, $2.75. Zinc, $2.25; Pewter, $10.

BROOM CORN—An improved feeling to note, receipts being light and a good demand. Common, $18@20 per ton; fair, $25@30; good, $35@40; choice, $45@50.

SORGHUM—Quiet at 12@15c per gal for choice.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, 75c; vinegar, 70c; black oil, 45c; lard oil, 65c; linseed oil, 65c; sugar, 12½c; whisky, 85c; half-barrels, 40c; wine, 85c; sauer kraut, 20c; pickle, 35c; barrels with broken staves or heads, 25c less.

WHITE BEANS—Quiet. Country sell at 60@90c per bu; weevily less; Eastern hand-picked medium jobbing at $1.20@1.25; pea beans at $1.30@1.35; Lima, 3¼@3¾c per lb.

CIDER—CHOICE sweet is quotable at $4 per bbl; inferior stock less.

MOSS—Inactive. Gray, 1¼@1½c; gray and brown mixed, 1½@1¾c; black and brown mixed, 2@2¼c; black, 2¼@2½c; country machine-picked—XX, 1½c; XXX, 2¼c; XXXX, 3½c.

DRIED GREEN PEAS—Green jobbing at 80@90c per bu; Scotch, 80@85c; split, $1.25@1.30.

HONEY—Steady. Choice, bbls and ½-bbls, 3½@4c for dark and 4@4½c for light; choice to fancy, in cans, 5½@7c; fancy white comb, 13@15c; fair, 11@13c; broken and low grades, 7@8c.

HOPS—Quiet. New York, 8@9c per lb; Pacific Coast, 6@8c; foreign, 25@30c.

COOPERSTUFFS—Shaved hoops, cooper flour barrels, $3.50@4; country, $2.50@3; half-barrel, $1.50; coiled elm, $5; pork barrel, $5@6; lard tierce, $9@10. Staves, flour barrel, $5.50@5.75; culls, $2.50@3; half-barrel, $4@4.50; pork barrel, $16; lard tierce, $22; beer keg, $12@10. Heading, flour barrel, 3⅜c per set.

MAPLE SUGAR—Vermont, 12@12½c per lb; Canada, 15@16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Quotable at 80c@$1 per gal—off-stock less.

SACKS—Burlaps—68-in or 7 bu, per 1,000, $62.50; 66-in or 6-bu, $61; 64-in or 5-bu, $59.50; 58-in or 4-bu, $55; 56-in, $52.50; 54-in, $51; 52-in or 3-bu, $49; 50-in, $47.50; 48-in or 2¾-bu, $46; 46-in or 2½-bu, $44.50; 42-in, $42; 40-in or 2-bu, $40.50. Cotton—seamless—11@17c. Flour sacks—25-lb, $27.50; 49-lb, $41@45; 100-lb, $63.50; export, 140-lb, jute, 6@7c; cotton, 7@11c.

SALT—Domestic, 75@80c per bbl East Side, 80@85c this side.

COFFEE.

Reported by Hanley & Kinsella Coffee and Spice Company.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.

	First Call.	Second Call.	Third Call
December	13.60b	.....	.....
January	13.60b	13.60	.....
February	13.45b	.....	.....
March	13.40b	13.40	.....
April	11.35b	.....	.....
May	12.90b	.....	12.85

Mail pouch coffee at 21.35c.

RIO—No. 7 coffee exchange standard 14 mil; exchange 9 3-32; receipts, 22,000; clearnances, United States, 11,000; Europe, nil; stock, 221,000; market steady.

SANTOS—Receipts, 2 days, 12,000; stock, 444,000; market quiet; good average Santos 15 mil, 100.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Corn steady; new No. 2, 25¼c; new No. 3, 25¼c. Oats dull, lower; No. 2 white, 17¼@17½c; No. 3 white, 16½@17c. Rye dull, nominal. Whisky market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.22 for highwines. Receipts—Corn, 6,700 bu; oats, 78,800 bu; whisky, 75 bbls; wheat, 11,400 bu. Shipments—Corn, 65,400 bu; oats, 52,750 bu; whisky, 675 bbls; wheat, 6,600 bu.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Poultry steady; turkeys, 9@11c; chickens, 6@7½c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 6@8½c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Butter steady; creameries, 19@25c; dairy, 12@21c. Eggs steady, 13@20c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Butter—Receipts, 7,800 pkgs; steady; Western dairy, 11@19c; Western creamery, 17@25c; Elgins, 25c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,672 pkgs; dull; large, 7¼@10c; small, 7¾@10½c; part skims, 3¼@6c; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 3,471 pkgs; weak; State and Pennsylvania, 20@25c; Western, 20@21½c; Southern, 20@21c. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Coffee quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Spot firm; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 2½d; No. 2 red spring stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 2d; No. 1 California, 5s 4d. Futures opened steady with near and distant positions ¼d higher; closed firm, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 5s 2½d; January, 5s 2¾d; February, 5s 3½d; March, 5s 4¼d; April, 5s 4½d; May, 5s 5d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 3s 1¾d. Futures opened steady and closed firm at unchanged prices; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 3s 2¾d; January, 3s 11¼d; February, 3s 1¾d; March, 3s 2d; April, 3s 2d; May, 3s 2¼d. Flour steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

LIVE STOCK.

National Stock Yards.

CATTLE—Receipts, 885 head; market strong and higher.

SALES.

No.	Description.	Average.	Price.
59	cows	702	$2 25
1	calf	130	6 00
3	bulls	1050	2 00
18	bulls	1418	2 35
1	steer	930	2 75
4	calves	107	6 25
2	calves	140	6 50
1	bull	930	1 75
4	calves	107	6 50
3	cows	953	2 25
4	calves	92	6 65
38	yearlings	228	3 35
37	yearlings	217	3 40
2	heifers	735	2 80
18	heifers	800	2 80
5	cows	890	2 15
1	cow	740	2 00
2	steers	1100	3 25
26	steers	1085	3 50
1	bull	1160	2 50
4	steers	1287	4 00
2	cows and calves		43 00
1	calf	230	3 50
1	bull	800	2 00
1	cow	940	1 50
1	cow	980	2 25
1	cow	1260	2 25
1	calf	170	4 00
1	calf	220	5 00
1	calf	110	6 00
22	steers	854	3 25
4	steers	760	3 10
1	cow	820	2 50
1	cow	720	2 00
2	cows and calves		39 00
3	springers		8 00
1	bull	1220	2 25

TEXAS DIVISION—Receipts, 18 cars; market strong.

SALES.

No.	Description.	Average.	Price
32	steers	638	$2 40
1	cow	1280	1 75
1	calf	110	6 00
54	steers	868	2 80
28	steers	819	2 70
80	cows	573	2 40
121	cows	660	2 20
123	steers	938	2 65
2	bulls	930	1 75
24	steers	789	2 60
6	cows	711	2 15

SHEEP—Market steady. Receipts, 272.

SALES.

No.	Description.	Average.	Price.
9	Lambs	92	$4 00
9	Natives	116	3 00
41	Culls	83	1 50
14	Lambs	58	3 25
6	Native mixed	83	2 50
3	Native sheep	120	2 80
1	Buck	110	2 00
1	Lamb	90	2 85
1	Lamb	80	2 85
192	Southwest mixed	85	2 85
7	Bucks	118	2 00

HOGS—Receipts, 3,064. Market strong and a shade higher.

SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
64	243	$3 40	63	190	$3 35
9	130	3 25	28	134	3 25
74	225	3 45	70	153	2 75
85	203	3 37½	6	78	3 00
21	253	3 40	64	216	3 40
29	255	3 40	61	217	3 35
70	169	3 37½	78	188	3 32½
74	208	[illegible]	66	209	3 40
76	221	[illegible]	55	242	3 40
7	150	3 25	35	231	3 40
72	231	3 42½	66	219	3 35
55	168	3 30	61	202	3 35
54	271	3 42½	37	228	3 40
71	241	3 35	70	255	3 40
67	240	3 35	63	159	3 25
88	188	3 32½	77	170	3 30
80	207	3 37½	73	230	3 40
64	248	3 40	7	150	3 25

HORSES AND MULES—Receipts, 79. Market only fairly active. Local trade mostly.

Live Stock by Telegraph.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market 10c higher on beeves; others steady; native beef steers, $3@4.40; Western steers, $2.75@3.50; Texas steers, $2.25@3.40; cows and heifers, $2.40@3.25; canners, $1.50@2.40; stockers and feeders, $2.70@3.40; calves, $2@5.25; bulls, stags, etc., $1.75@3. Hogs—Receipts, 3,200 head; market shade to 5c higher; active; all sold; heavy, $3.25@3.35; mixed, $3.25@3.30; light, $3.20@3.30; pigs, $3@3.32½; bulk of sales, $3.30. Sheep—Receipts, 400 head; market steady; fair to choice natives, $2.25@3.25; fair to choice Westerns, $2@3; common and stock sheep, $1.75@2.75; lambs, $3@4.25.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Hogs—Receipts, 13,000 head; official receipts yesterday, 37,580; shipments, 974; left over, 3,000; trade rather slow, but prices firm to 5c higher; light, $3.30@3.47½; mixed packers, $3.30@3.50; heavy, $3.25@3.50; rough, $3.25@3.40. Cattle—Receits, 2,500 head; market active and generally 5c higher; beeves, $3.15@4.75; cows and heifers, $1.60@3.75; Texans, $2.75@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.30@3.45. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; strong to 5c higher.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 1,500; market strong to 10c higher; Texas steers, $2.50@3.45; Texas cows, $2@2.75; beef steers, $3.25@4.20; native cows, $1.50@3.10; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.45; bulls, $1.75@2.75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,300; shipments, none; market strong, 5@6c higher; bulk of sales, $3.30@3.35; heavies, $3.15@3.40; packers, $3.25@3.40; mixed, $3.25@3.35; lights, $3.20@3.30; Yorkers, $3.25@3.30; pigs, $2.70@3.05. Sheep—Receipts, 700; shipments, 500; market steady; lambs, $3@4.25; muttons, $2.25@3.30. No market to-morrow.

MONEY.

EXCHANGE—Quoted by A. G. Edwards & Sons.
New York—40c discount bid; 25c discount asked.
Chicago—25c discount bid; par asked.
Cincinnati—20c discount bid.
Louisville—20c discount bid.
New Orleans—50c discount bid.
Discount rates at St. Louis banks steady at 5 to 8 per cent on call and time loans.

St. Louis bank clearings to-day were $5,039,039; balances, $438,883.

St. Louis Stocks and Bonds.

Sales on the curb were 10 Suburban at $33.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
Suburban stock	$ 34 50	....
Brewery bonds	....	96 50
Suburban bonds	....	95 75
Elevator seconds	....	82 50
Third National Bank	103 00	103 50
Edison bonds	73 00	76 00
Merchants'-Laclede	115 00	117 50
St. Louis Trust Co.	....	133 00
Mississippi Valley Trust	73 00	75 50
Fourth and Arsenal	20 00	....
Elevator stock	....	17 00
Broadway Cable bonds	98 75	....
American Aluminum	1 00	3 75
Chicago Equipment	2 50	....
American Brake	60 00	....
Continental National Bank	....	117 00
St. Louis National Bank	....	102 50

New York Stocks.

Corrected daily by Whitaker & Hodgman, bond and stock brokers, 300 North Fourth street.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.

STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Tob., com	72½	77¼	72½	76¼
Atchison	13⅞	14⅞	13⅞	14½
Baltimore & Ohio	44	....	....	44
Canada Pacific	50½	50½	50	50
Canada Southern	48	49⅜	48	48¼
Ches. & Ohio, com	14¾	15⅛	14½	15
Central New Jersey	99½	101¼	99½	101¼
Chicago Gas Trust	63½	66⅝	63½	65⅞
C., C., C. & St. L.	36	37⅝	35¼	36⅞
C., R. I. & P.	64¼	69	64¼	67
C., B. & Q.	74¾	77½	74¾	76⅞
C., M. & St. P., com	64⅝	68	64⅝	68
do pfd.	125	126	125	126
C. & N. W., com	96½	99	96½	98½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	24	26	24	26
Cotton Oil, com	16	17	16	17
Delaware & Hudson	124	127	124	127
Erie, com	14¾	14¾	14¾	15¼
Erie, pfd	22	....	....	22
Edison General	25¼	26⅝	25¼	26⅝
Hocking Valley	15½	17	15½	16½
Laclede Gas, com	19½	20⅝	19½	20⅝
do bonds	93	....	....	93
Louisville & Nashville	43⅜	46⅛	43⅜	45½
Lake Shore	142	144⅛	142	144⅛
L. E. & W., com	19¼	....	....	19½
do pfd	68½	69⅝	68¼	69¼
Lead, com	24	25¼	24	25¼
do pfd	85	85¼	85	85¼
Michigan Central	94¼	....	....	94¼
Missouri Pacific	23⅝	25½	23⅝	25½
M., K. & T., pfd	24	25½	24	25¼
Manhattan Elevated	101⅝	103	100⅝	101½
National Cordage, com	5½	5⅝	5	5½
do pfd	9⅞	10⅝	9⅞	10¼
National Linseed Oil	19	....	....	19
North American	4¾	4⅞	4¾	4⅞
Northern Pacific, com	4	....	....	4
do pfd	13¼	13⅞	13¼	13⅞
New York Central	97	97⅝	97	97⅝
Nickle, 1st pfd	22	....	....	22
Ontario & Western	13¼	13⅞	13¼	13⅝
Omaha, com	35⅝	37	35⅝	37
Pacific Mail	26⅝	27	25⅞	27
Philadelphia & Reading	6⅝	6⅝	5⅞	6
Pullman Palace Car	155	157	155	157
Southern Railway, com	8⅝	9¼	8⅝	9
do pfd	26	28	26	27⅞
Sugar, com	96½	99⅞	96½	99⅞
do pfd	95	95⅛	95	95⅛
Tenn. Coal & Iron	26	28⅛	26	28⅛
Texas & Pacific	8	8⅛	8	8⅛
Union Pacific	5⅝	6	4⅞	6
U. S. Rubber, com	27	27	25⅞	27
Western U. T. Co.	85⅝	86⅜	85⅝	86⅜
Wabash, com	6⅞	7	6⅞	7
do pfd	15¼	16⅛	15¼	15⅞
Whisky Trust	14⅝	15⅛	14⅝	15⅛

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LEGAL.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of Carl Pausch, deceased, notice is hereby given to the hereafter named distributees, that the undersigned administrator holds for them the sum of $22.69, to-wit: For August Pausch, $6.19; Mary Spear, $8.25, and Frank Knadel, $8.25, and the said distributees are hereby notified to claim said amounts forthwith. The intestate Carl Pausch died on Nov. 23, 1878, in the City of St. Louis, Mo., and was a native of Bavaria, Germany.
ALBERT BAUM,
Administrator, 620 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo. 4962

ASSIGNEE'S SALE—Notice is hereby given that by order of the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, the undersigned, assignee of the Standard Jewelry Company, will on Saturday, the fourth day of January, 1895, between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon, at the east front door of the Court House in said city of St. Louis, offer for sale and sell for cash to the highest bidder, the uncollected open accounts belonging to said assigned estate.
W. C. JONES, Assignee.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21st, 1895. 5137

ASSIGNMENT of David A. Spellen—The undersigned assignee of David A. Spellen hereby gives public notice that he will, on Wednesday, the 22d day of January, 1896, and for two consecutive days thereafter, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., at his office, 506 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., proceed to adjust and allow the demands against the trust fund of said estate. All creditors who do not attend as aforesaid will be precluded from any benefit of said estate. FRANK K. RYAN,
5050 Assignee of David A. Spellen.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of F. Mitchell & Bro., that on Thursday, the 2d day of January, 1896, at the opening of court, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, I shall apply to the St. Louis Circuit Court for a discharge, on final settlement, from my trust as assignee of F. Mitchell & Bro.
SIM T. PRICE,
4907 Assignee, 418½ Olive st.

IN Matter of the Assignment of the Crescent Building and Loan Association—Assignee's notice of application for discharge—Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the Crescent Building and Loan Association that, on Tuesday, the 4th day of February, 1896, at the opening of court, or as soon thereafter as I can be heard, I shall make application to the Circuit Court in and for the city of St. Louis in division No. 5 of said court for discharge from my trust as assignee of said Crescent Building and Loan Association.
JOHN A. FISHER,
Assignee of the Crescent Building and Loan Association. 5084

PUBLIC notice is hereby given that one Theodore A. Heidemann, who has heretofore been a resident of the State of Missouri, has gone from, and not returned to this State for more than seven consecutive years last past, and that he has not been heard of during said time by the Judge of the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis or by the heirs of said Heidemann, residing in said State, and that it is supposed by the undersigned that he is dead, this notice being given in accordance with section 272, Revised Statutes of Missouri, 1889.
LOUISE HEIDEMANN.
St. Louis, Dec. 9, 1895. 4975

SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue and authority of a special execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the City of St Louis, returnable to the February term, 1896, of said court, and to me directed, wherein August Herman is plaintiff and Aaron F. Sharp is defendant, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate, situated in the City of St. Louis and State of Missouri, and charged with the lien of the special tax bill, on which this action is founded, and described in said execution as follows, to-wit:
Lot 3 and part of lot 2, in city block 3698, fronting 52.27-100 feet by a depth of 132 feet and bounded on the north by an alley, east by Simmons and Howard Improvement Company, south by Luckie street and west by Toohay, and I will, on WEDNESDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1896,
between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court-house, in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above described property, to satisfy said execution and costs.
HENRY TROLL,
Sheriff, City of St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21, 1895. 5134

ESTATE of George Dombach, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of George Dombach, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis on the 16th day of December, 1895.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.
Dated this 16th day of December, 1895.
PHILIP ANTHES,
5088 Administrator of George Dombach, Deceased.

ESTATE of John Keegan, Deceased—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Keegan, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of the City of St. Louis on the 5th day of December, 1895.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.
Dated this 5th day of December, 1895.
GEORGE P. WOLFF,
4980 Executor of John Keegan, Deceased.

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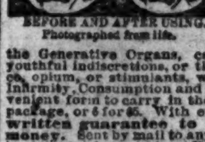

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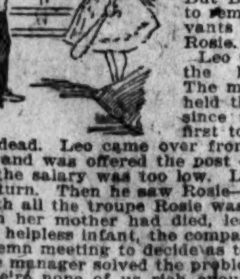
THE PASSING OF A SHADOW.

Levants' circus was at one time the most popular of any. And the most popular member of it was Rosie Marton. Even now the people hold her up as a standard by which to judge merit. Of a new performer they will say: "She's good. But she can't ride like Rosie."

Bill Berrill was the clown, and a good clown he was. Every one said that up in London or any of the big towns Bill—"Little Bandy," as he was christened on the bills—could have made three times the money. But Bill preferred to remain with Levants—and near Rosie.



Leo Corello was the lion tamer. The man who had held the post ever since the Levants first took the road was dead. Leo came over from the continent and was offered the post on the spot. But the salary was too low. Leo prepared to return. Then he saw Rosie—and stayed.

With all the troupe Rosie was a favorite. When her mother had died, leaving her a mere helpless infant, the company had held a solemn meeting to decide as to her fate. The manager solved the problem.

"We're none of us rich enough to adopt her entirely," said he. "We'll limit the liability, and collectively act as her parents. Rosie shall be the daughter of the troupe."

Bill Berrill, with the keen insight of a man in love, soon had his suspicions of the handsome lion tamer. Where Rosie was [illegible] loitered, and if the clown kept a watchful eye upon him he soon began to frown upon the clown when Rosie's smiles told him exactly how the land lay.

As it was his own idea that had secured Rosie to the troupe, old Ted Passmore, the manager, had been informally constituted her guardian. And one rule that he made was, "No getting engaged on anything of that sort till she's 20 and knows her own mind."

It was on the very day that she attained her score of years that Bill Berrill made his formal application for her hand. Thankful he was that the time had arrived. Leo corello had grown to be a veritable nightmare to him. Not that he doubted Rosie—the truest little girl man could love. But the lion tamer's growing admiration was so very ardent that Bill felt all the easier when she was promised to him. For, of course, the application was granted.

That evening Leo Corello was in grand form. They were performing in one of the most important towns on their list, and the circus was packed. Leo outdid himself. Unarmed, without even whip or stick, he played with his lions as if they had been kittens, and sent cold shivers through his audience with his intrepidity.

"Isn't he splendid?" It was Rosie herself who said so.

The clown, standing beside her, frowned. "Fate has given him a better part than mere fooling to make people laugh," said he, with a touch of bitterness in his tones. "Do you admire him so very much?"

Rosie turned. Her cheeks reddened with her indignation. She held out the hand on which glistened the ring he had just given her.

"You haven't much faith in me," she said her pretty face looking pained. "We shan't be very happy together after all if you are jealous because I give a brave man his due."

"Forgive me, Rosie!" exclaimed the clown fervently as he kissed her hand, and, hearing the bell, bounded into the ring.

Then came Leo's chance. "Little Bandy's" turn was a long one. As the thunders of applause subsided the lion-tamer moved to where the clown had stood beside her. His flashing eyes glowed with excitement as he asked:

"Mlle. Rosie, how was that?"

"Splendid!" said Rosie again.

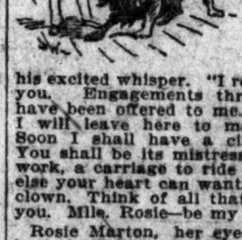
"Do you know why?" asked he, as delighted to hear her words, he came closer to her. "I was thinking of you, and love made me laugh at lions."

"Sig. Corello, you must not talk to me like that."

And, playfully, she held out her hand once more to show her ring, and pointed archly to the man in the sawdust circle.

Leo's face darkened.

"Have you given yourself to that?" he sneered, looking contemptuously in the direction of the grotesque figure posturing in the ring. "A thing that is ever ridiculous, earning wages that can never keep you as you deserve!"



"He could do better, only he stays here for me!" exclaimed Rosie, firing up.

There was no one near. The lion-tamer seized her arm.

"So do I!" came his excited whisper. "I remain here but for you. Engagements three times as good have been offered to me. But—I love you. I will leave here to make more money. Soon I shall have a circus of my own. You shall be its mistress, with no need to work, a carriage to ride in and everything else your heart can want. Throw over this clown. Think of all that I am offering to you. Mlle. Rosie—be my wife!"

Rosie Marton, her eyes shining, stepped back from him, shaking her head.

"Thank you very much, Sig. Corello, for your magnificent offer. I decline it. You are a foreigner, so I excuse your methods. When you have been here a little longer you may perhaps learn that English girls of my sort do not sell their love for gold."

She made a mocking courtesy and was gone. The lion-tamer, his head sunk on his breast, remained where he was, watching her until she disappeared.

"Wait a bit, my proud little beauty," said he. "When my mind is made up I'm not usually thwarted. Obstacles that stand in the way must be removed. The task should be easy when the impediment is only a clown."

"You want your tackle left up after the performance is over, so that you may practice in the morning? Very well. Only mind what you're doing, Bill Berrill. This lofty tumbling that you've taken to is a bit more dangerous than clowning, and now it's fixed, we don't want any wedding day postponed."

So said Teddy Passmore. The clown promised to be cautious, and in the morning repaired to the circus to have a turn on the ropes.

Rosie was waiting for him. Profitable as it was, she had a dread of this new item that her lover had added to his repertoire, and so went with him, "so that he might be safe," as she said.

"Sig. Croello passed me coming along," remarked she as the clown let himself into the great wooden building with his key.

"What's he up to, I wonder?" queried Berrill. "I wish he'd stop away. I always feel nervous when he's about."

But when they got inside and no one appeared both felt easier. Somehow, though no words had passed between them, the clown understood that the lion-tamer was his enemy. Rosie herself lived in dread of some pending disaster.

"Never mind," said Berrill, cheerily. "We've not much longer to wait, little girl. A month to-day is your benefit; then off we go to London and our wedding."

Merely discarding his coat, up he went on the ropes and in mid-air went through his perilous tricks. Rosie sat on a sack of sawdust below, trying to read a newspaper and wishing that the rehearsal was finished.

Suddenly from above came a shout. She started to her feet.

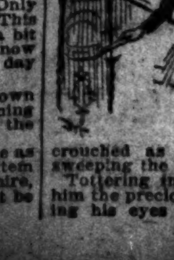
"Run, Rosie, run! To the window! The lions are loose!"

Run! She was rooted to the spot. In the doorway by which they entered crouched a great, tawny, yellow mass, that, flat upon the boards, came wriggling without a sound towards them.

"Quick, Rosie! The window!"

Down the rope Bill Berrill slipped as Rosie, recovering her strength, started to the back of the hall. The lion rose up. It took five quick strides, then stopped as, with a thud, Bill Berrill dropped on his feet.

"It is locked and I cannot reach it!" cried the terrified girl, as she stretched in vain for the fastening of the great window.



The clown turned. As he took his eyes from its face the lion came on. If he fled it would be upon him in a moment.

Then, close at hand, he saw the sponge set on a stick, the matches and paraffin; used by the gasman with which to light up at night time.

"I dare not move!" he cried. Bring me the tin of oil and the matches!"

The escaped lion saw the movement. It crouched as if to spring, its great tail sweeping the floor from side to side.

Tottering in her fear, Rosie dragged to him the precious tin. The clown, never taking his eyes from the great yellow orbs that glared at him, pulled out the cork. The liquid oil ran freely. Bill Berrill struck a match and threw it down. A stream of flame shot across the boards. A low growl issued from the throat of the startled lion as it backed before the wall of fire.

"Now! The window!"

In a second he had hoisted Rosie up. The catch was undone. She scrambled out. Bill Berrill followed and closed the casement after him, just as the lion, dodging round the fire, leaped to the place where a second before they had been standing.

In a very short time the whole town was aroused. The members of the company were soon upon the spot. Leo Corello, however, was not there. He had gone for a long walk, his landlady said.

"Well, I could have sworn as I see him coming away from the circus not half an hour ago," said one of the carpenters.

The lions, two of which only had escaped, were hunted back to their cage and the fire in the hall extinguished.

"Someone must have been meddling with their door," said the lion-tamer when his "long walk" was finished. "Lions may be taught tricks, but they don't undo fastenings."

"May I ask," observed Bill Berrill, his eyes gazing steadily into those of Corello, "if the door was fastened when last you left it?"

"I always lock up safely when I leave at night," answered the lion-tamer, with a defiant stare.

"I did not ask you that," said the clown, meaningly. "I said, 'when last you left it.'"

Corello's brows lowered. He took a stride forward.

"What do you mean?" he demanded fiercely.

But Rose intervened. She knew the hatred that smouldered within their hearts and feared the consequences of its expression.

"Now, now! There is nothing to quarrel over. The thing was an accident. The danger is past. Let's only be thankful that nothing dreadful happened."

Leo Corello raised his hat. He gave a most winning smile.

"Mademoiselle is quite right," said he as he walked away, adding to himself, "but I promise you, Rosie Marton, something dreadful shall happen next time."

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"Be careful, Will. Somehow, I do dread to-night's performance. There is something the matter with Corello. His manner is strangely subdued. The house is crowded, but he is not himself to-night. Do be careful, Will, dear?"

Bill Berrill promised as he squeezed the little, cold hand of the girl who to-morrow would be his wife. After the lion tamer's performance there was one more turn and then he went on.

"That's funny," observed Ted Passmore as the clown passed him. "Close by where your trapese ropes are fixed two panes of glass are gone from the roof!"

Bill Berrill looked at the crystal ceiling far, far above.

"Never mind," said he. "Won't affect me. It's precious hot up there, so with the ventilation perhaps I'll be cooler."

Directly his portion of the programme had come to an end Leo Corello hurried from the building. Round to the back he went, where, in a narrow street full of gaunt, tall houses, he rented a top story bed room. To this room he ascended.

From the mattress under the bed he drew forth a long, dagger-like knife contained in a leather sheath. Testing its keenness, he cut easily through a stick of wood he drew from the ready-laid fire.

"You'll look a pretty bridegroom, Bill Berrill," said he to himself, with an evil grin.

Armed with the knife he threw up the window and passed out on to the leads. Before him, almost on a level, was the glass roof of the hippodrome.

Through the open window the first notes of a merry tune came from the band.

"His cue to go on!" exclaimed the lion-tamer, as, removing his shoes, on hands and knees, he worked slowly over the surface of glass, bearing on the metal supports.

A cheer of welcome greeted "Little Bandy" as for the second time he bounded into the ring. In a trice he was hoisted to the trapeze far above.

One or two graceful evolutions and then, hanging by his hands from the bar, he commenced to swing to and fro for a long flight in midair.

Suddenly there was a cry from above, a shriek from a woman and a chorus of alarm from the crowd. One rope had snapped. Bill grasping the wooden bar, Bill Berrill swung far out into space where, if he fell, no friendly net would catch him.

"Hold on for your life!" shouted Ted Passmore, as, with a dozen others, he ran into the ring to try and seize the end of the fallen rope as it swished furiously here and there.

Then, as all eyes were turned upon the figure of the man swinging and revolving with dangerous violence in the air, another cry went up.

Through the second small opening in the roof a human arm was protruded—an arm whose hand grasped a gleaming blade.

The rope, stretched at tension, lengthened. The knife had cut one strand. Bill Berrill would drop and be dashed to pieces on the floor. Into the ring Rosie darted. She would break his fall.

Crash! Down came a pane of glass. An iron support gave way, and then, with a clatter and smash, a hole opened in the roof and the body of a man fell headlong down—down on the sawdust of the ring. The body rolled over, revealing the dead face of Leo Corello.

A minute later, as hand in hand Bill Berrill and Rosie stood together in the ring, a thunder of applause went up, and their fingers pressed unseen as they bowed their acknowledgements and in their hearts returned thanks to Providence for the strange passing of this shadow from their lives.—Illustrated Bits.

A Question of Ancestry.

Abraham Hayward, the famous Quarterly reviewer, once thought that he would like to have some ancestors, so he walked straight to a picture dealer's. Selecting a portrait of a cavalier in half armor, with features not quite unlike his own, Mr. Hayward made a bid for it, but deeming the price asked too high, he went his way. A few days later Mr. Hayward went to dine with Lord Houghton, and was astonished to find the picture in the dining-room. Seeing that it attracted his guest's attention, Lord Houghton said: "Very good picture that! Came into my hands in a curious way. Portrait of a Milnes of the commonwealth period—an ancestor of mine." "Ah, indeed!" said Mr. Hayward; "he was very near being an ancestor of mine."

Mulled Claret.

One cup of claret, six whole cloves, some grated nutmeg, one cup of boiling water, two or three tablespoonfuls of soft sugar, twelve whole spices and four inches stick cinnamon. Boil the water with sugar and spices for ten or fifteen minutes until thoroughly flavored with the spices. Dissolve the sugar in it. Remove from the fire and pour into a covered pitcher. Add a little nutmeg and serve immediately.

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Our store will be open TO-NIGHT until 10 o'clock, and not open on Christmas Day.

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STORMS ON THE PACIFIC.

The Great Ocean Is Proving False to Its Placid Name.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Dec. 24.—The worst storm experienced in many years has prevailed in this district for two days. The telegraph wires are prostrated and shipping is at a standstill. Steamers arriving from the South report a severe gale from the West and steamers bound down are compelled to seek shelter and wait for the weather to moderate.

The prevalence of a succession of southerly and westerly gales has not only intensified fears for the safety of the missing Strathnevis, of the North Pacific Line, but much uneasiness is now felt here for the British steamer Danube, which left Victoria two weeks ago to search for the disabled steamship. During that period the weather has been intensely stormy, making it perilous for the Danube to be out in the gales, and much more so if she had the Strathnevis in tow.

Since the collier Wachusett returned from sea badly damaged and leaking fear is felt for the safety of other outward vessels.

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M'BRIDE'S PLATFORM.

The Labor Leader Explains His Views on Socialism.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—John McBride, the retiring President of the American Federation of Labor, will probably go into the newspaper business. He has received an offer of the editorship of the labor department of one of the New York papers, and has been asked to take charge of a daily paper at Massillon, O., his home. He said to-day:

"My defeat in New York was not a disappointment to me. The Socialistic banners were closely drawn in the convention of the Federation, and although I never was connected with any Socialistic organization, it was made to appear that I represented the Socialist idea. I am a Socialist in this, that I believe in municipalities taking the control of all corporations that are now operated under charters obtained from the cities. The tendency of the times is toward government ownership and municipal ownership, and if trade unionism ought to stand for anything it ought to stand for that idea. Government ownership and municipal ownership will come, and the conduct of government and municipal corporations toward their men is doing more to hasten this condition than anything else."

ANNOYING A BREWER.

Wagon Loads of Toys Sent by a Crazy Woman.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Ferdinand Munch, a well-known Brooklyn brewer, is the victim of a crazy woman's whim. For several days wagon loads of dolls and toys of every description have been sent to the brewery, but who gave the order Mr. Smith is unable to find out. At the store where the goods were selected the clerks say that a pretty blonde woman made the purchases and ordered the goods sent C. O. D. She said he was going to be a good Santa Claus to all the children of his customers.

Do Not Grieve.

"No use to cry over spilt milk" is a very old saw. You will never have the chance to cry if you put all your securities and valuables in the vaults of the Missouri Safe Deposit Co., Equitable Building.

Ex-Queen Lil to Be Set Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Advices from Hawaii to a local paper are to the effect that President Dole and his Cabinet are so well pleased with the way in which ex-Queen Liliuokalani has conducted herself since her release on parole that the granting of a full pardon to her is under consideration.

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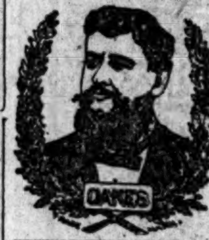

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TRAMPS ATTACK A TRAIN.

The Engine Brought Up Police Who Put Them to Flight.

METROPOLIS, Ill., Dec. 24.—Fifteen tramps took possession of a freight train at 7:10 o'clock last evening near here and attempted to eject the crew. The engine cut loose and ran to the city for police. The officers arrested six of the tramps and put the others to flight.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—Gov. Clarke has declined to interfere in the case of George Ward, aged 19, who is to hang at Van Buren Dec. 31, for killing Henry Bacon last July.

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.—An opera company was arrested here last night during the first act, on the charge that the play was indecent.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—Gov. Stone has pardoned Goodie Walter, sentenced for fifteen years for robbery from Clinton County in 1888. His health is bad and he is to leave the State forever.

THE LAST CHANCE.

For the Gentlemen to Lay in Christmas Presents for the Loved Ones.

To-day is the last chance to buy Christmas presents and the gentlemen should avail themselves of it. For weeks the ladies have been doing the shopping, buying tokens of affection for husbands, fathers, brothers and sons. Now the gentlemen should reciprocate and buy for wives, daughters, sisters, sweethearts, the things so dear to the feminine heart.

Once more the attention of gentlemen is called to the beautiful designs in diamond jewelry to be seen at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust. The stock of rings is very large, from the small single stone at $10 to the largest and purest stones at $2,000. All kinds of settings are shown, many of them being exclusive designs. There are single, double and triple stone rings, either all diamonds or diamonds and turquoises, emeralds, sapphires, rubies, etc.

Solitaire diamond earrings are shown in great variety from $35 a pair up to $1,000 or as much higher as wanted, as the firm has its own jewelry workers and any size stone can be set in special designs of setting to suit the customer. Then there is the large collection of diamond brooches and pendants. They comprise all the latest designs in settings of stars and double stars, crescents, sunbursts, single stone or group diamonds at from $30 to $5,000, including some unique novelties, such as lizards, harps, caskets, birds, butterflies, etc.

Then there are hair ornaments which have the advantage of being so arranged as to be worn as pendants, and which have the same range of price, according to the size and purity of the gems. Diamond daggers, to be worn at the breast, lacepins, shawl clasps, necklaces and all kinds of novelties are to be seen in endless variety.

A watch is always an acceptable and useful present. Special attention is called to the chatelaine watches and pins which remain in high favor, but all kinds are kept in stock in plain and engraved or diamond-studded cases, from $18 up to $200, in the Mermod & Jaccard's own guaranteed movements, or any movement desired.

To the matron nothing is more welcome as a present than handsome silverware for the table. Mermod & Jaccard are particularly qualified to please all tastes in this line, as they have their own silverware manufactory, where anything from a saltspoon up to an elaborate service can be made to order from any design selected. Their stock comprises everything for the table, full services, tea kettles, chafing dishes, after dinner coffee sets, tea sets, spoons of all kinds, individual peppers and salts, silver cups, tea caddies, forks, etc., etc., in either solid silver or plate, and including the beautiful new patterns in colonial designs.

Mermod & Jaccard's will be open till 10 o'clock to-night to accommodate those who cannot spare the time to do their shopping in business hours.

BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

Two Killed and Several Fatally Injured on the Drainage Canal.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 24.—A dynamite explosion occurred yesterday afternoon on section 14 of the Drainage Canal, about one mile from the small town of Romeville. James McKnight and Daniel McAlister were killed. George and John McFitrick, Barney O'Rourke, Louis Kearney and John Michete were fatally injured. Michael Harrison and Hugh O'Rourke were seriously hurt.

The blast was almost ready for firing, when a blow too hard or a blow too many was given, and the two men who were preparing the blast and seven others who were working close by went up into the air. The two men killed were torn to pieces and the others were terribly mangled.

To California

Via the Burlington Route. Only three days and three nights. Every meal in dining-cars. Ticket office, southwest corner Broadway and Olive street.

The Santa Fe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The directors of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Co. had last evening their first meeting in this city. Aldace F. Walker, Chairman of the Board, and President Ripley were both present. John P. Whitehead was re-elected Comptroler, W. K. Gillet General Auditor, H. W. Gardiner, Assistant Treasurer and L. C. Deming Secretary.

Fireman Wonderlich Dead.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 24.—George Wunderlich, the fireman, died yesterday of the injuries that he received in the First Methodist Church fire.

Irritation of the Throat and Hoarseness immediately relieved by "Brown's Bronchial Troches."

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ANNIE BOGINES' VICTIMS.

One of Them Wants to Prosecute Her for Perjury.

Thomas Mooney, who, with three companions, was pardoned from the penitentiary last week, applied for a warrant late Monday afternoon against Annie Bogines, the negress who gave the testimony which convicted them. He charged her with perjury.

About three years ago Mooney, Richard and John Cantlin and William Shadrick were sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on a charge of highway robbery. Annie Bogines testified that she saw them hold up John Dougherty in a hall at Eighth and Morgan streets and rob him of $47. The four men claimed that the alleged hold-up was merely a quarrel.

Mooney showed the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney a letter from the Chief of Police of Kansas City Monday in which Annie Bogines was referred to as a "professional witness." On this evidence he wanted a warrant for perjury.

He was told to lay his case before the Grand-jury.

The Mineral Resources of Texas.

The rapid advancement made by Texas up to the present time has been based almost entirely upon her agricultural resources, and is due to the remarkable fertility of many of her soils and to the great variety of products derived from their cultivation.

To-day another field opens, and she spreads before the world her wealth of mineral resources, which if they do not exceed those of agricultural promise to equal them in all respects.

The attention of capitalists, both home and foreign, is being directed to these fields, and the sinking of mines, and the erection of furnaces and factories for the recovery and utilization of the various metals and other materials occurring here are already in progress.

Iron, petroleum, copper, lead, gypsum, potter's clay, fire clay and kaolin, hydraulic limestone and cement materials, greensand marls, glass sands, building stones and marbles, natural gas, salt, manganese, gold and silver.

In adidtion are valuable deposits of asphaltum, bat guano, millstone grit, marls, lithographic stone, soapstone and other minerals.

For a pamphlet fully describing this wonderful country, address Gaston Meslier, General Passenger and Ticket Agent Texas and Pacific Railway, Dallas, Tex.

TWO ST. LOUISANS AFFECTED.

Changes in the Station of Army and Navy Engineers.

The changes in the stations and duties of the army and navy engineers ordered by Secretary of War Lamont, and made Monday, affected two St. Louisans. Lieut.-Col. Charles R. Suter of the Mississippi River Commission was made division engineer of the Pacific division, with headquarters at San Francisco, vice Col. Mendell, recently retired. Col. Suter is succeeded by Lieut.-Col. Amos Stickney, also a member of the Mississippi River Commission, and now in special charge of the work at Cincinnati and vicinity. Lieut.-Col. Stickney is succeeded by Major William Heuer, now in charge of the river and harbor works at Humboldt Bay, near Sacramento, Cal.

Maj. Thomas H. Handbury, now in charge of the works in Florida, will take charge of the works in St. Louis, relieving Major Charles J. Allen, now stationed at this point, who will succeed Major Davis at Washington, D. C.

Mob Threatened Steinberger.

GLASGOW, Ky., Dec. 24.—Sheriff Hadpitt and deputies got Booker Steinberger on a train and took him to Louisville yesterday, after an exciting experience with a mob that threatened to lynch Steinberger. The prisoner is 19 and is accused of having assassinated his cousin, Annabelle Steinberger, to hide their shame.

Her Six Husbands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Jacob Thorne, a rich merchant, brings action for the annulment of his marriage to Anne Thorne. He says that when she wedded him in 1893 she had five husbands living, whereas she admitted but one marriage and divorce.

Be sure and use Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for your children while teething.

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BAKE A BATCH OF BISCUITS

Sift one quart of flour, two rounding teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one teaspoonful of salt into a bowl; add three teaspoonfuls of COTTOLENE and rub together until thoroughly mixed; then add sufficient milk to make a soft dough; knead slightly, roll out about half an inch thick, and cut with a small biscuit cutter. Place a little apart in a greased pan, and bake in a quick oven for fifteen or twenty minutes. These biscuits should be a delicate brown top and bottom, light on the sides, and snowy white when broken open.

The secret of success in this recipe, as in others, is to use but two-thirds as much Cottolene as you used to use of lard. Cottolene will make the biscuit light, delicious, wholesome. Better than any biscuit you ever made before. Try it. Be sure and get genuine *Cottolene*. Sold everywhere in tins with trade-marks—"*Cottolene*" and *steer's head in cotton-plant wreath*—on every tin.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Rialto Building, Fourth & Olive Sts., ST. LOUIS.

FIFTEEN LOST AT SEA.

Ship Nansemond Sunk by a Collision and Her Crew Drowned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A dispatch received from Curacoa states that the steamship Nansemond, Capt. Laksy, from Curacoa for Maricaibo, was in collision on or about Dec. 17 with the Spanish steamship Mexico, near the Island of Aruba. The Nansemond sank and is a total loss. Capt. Lasky and fourteen persons were drowned. Thirty-five lives were saved by the tug Augusta.

Officer Swept Overboard.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—Chief Officer W. B. Milbourn of the British steamship Birdoswald, which arrived yesterday from Shields, England, was swept from the bridge, Dec. 4, and was lost. He was about to relieve Second Officer Swan, when a mountainous sea enveloped the vessel.

The Berlin's Passengers Sail.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 24.—The passengers of the American Line steamship Berlin, which was in collision Sunday morning with the British ship Willowbank, sailed for New York to-day from Liverpool on board the steamship Rhynland.

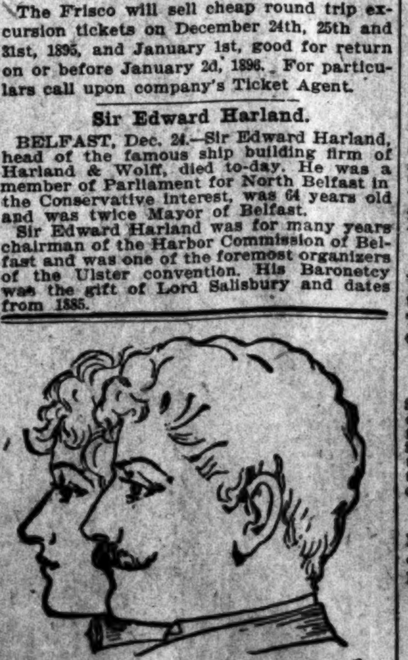
Holiday Cheap Excursions.

The Frisco will sell cheap round trip excursion tickets on December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1895, and January 1st, good for return on or before January 2d, 1896. For particulars call upon company's Ticket Agent.

Sir Edward Harland.

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—Sir Edward Harland, head of the famous ship building firm of Harland & Wolff, died to-day. He was a member of Parliament for North Belfast in the Conservative interest, was 64 years old and was twice Mayor of Belfast.

Sir Edward Harland was for many years chairman of the Harbor Commission of Belfast and was one of the foremost organizers of the Ulster convention. His Baronetcy was the gift of Lord Salisbury and dates from 1885.



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ILLINOIS TEACHERS.

They Will Hold their 42d Annual Meeting at Springfield.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 24.—To-morrow evening, in Representatives' Hall, at the State House here, the Illinois State Teachers' Association will hold their 42d annual meeting. The sessions will continue three days. The mornings will be devoted to the association and the afternoons and evenings will be taken up by different sections, such as superintendents, principals, teachers, etc. The association numbers nearly 1,000 members, and at least 900 of them will be in attendance at this meeting.

Many of the best educators of the West will be present and will deliver addresses during each session. Officers will be elected Thursday afternoon for the ensuing year.

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Gov. Altgeld's Requisition.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. Dec. 24.—Requisitions were to-day issued by Gov. Altgeld as follows: Upon Gov. Stone of Missouri for William Smith, wanted at Belleville, St. Clair county, for alleged house-breaking, and under arrest at St. Louis; upon the Governor of Texas for Harry Highfill, wanted at Jerseyville, Jersey County, for alleged criminal assault upon Cora Dabb. He is under arrest at Dallas, Tex.

To Kansas City and Denver

Via Burlington Route. Solid vestibuled train leaves Union Station daily, 8:45 p. m. Ticket Office, S. W. corner Broadway and Olive st.

Lawyer Slattery Killed.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 24.—John A. Slattery, a prominent lawyer and Democratic politician, was killed yesterday by falling from the fifth story of the building in which he had his office, to the bottom of the air wall. He went to the air well to summon his messenger from his own office which was on the fourth floor.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 24.—Charles W. Raymond, ex-President, and Edward M. Raymond, ex-cashier of the Middletown Bank, who were found guilty of misapplying the funds of the bank, were yesterday sentenced by Judge Butler in the United States District Court to seven years and five months in jail.

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Chattahoochie Valley Expo., Columbus, Ga., 1888.

HIGHEST AWARDS
St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Ass'n, 1889.

SIX HIGHEST AWARDS
World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.

HIGHEST AWARDS
Western Fair Association, London, Canada, 1893.

SIX GOLD MEDALS
Midwinter Fair, San Francisco, Cal., 1894.

SILVER MEDAL
Toronto Exposition, Toronto, Canada, 1895.

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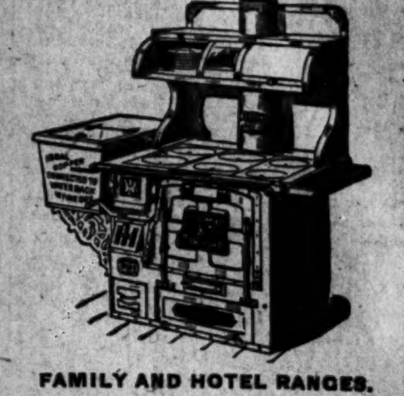

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THE WEAR CASE.

The Prisoner Has Been Taken to New Madrid County for Trial.

Chas. H. Wear was taken to New Madrid County Monday night by Sheriff Tickell of that county, to be tried for the murder of Ed Loel at Poplar Bluff, Mo., in April, 1892. So much has been written about Wear since his incarceration in jail here last week, that the case, with the peculiar series of incidents attending his imprisonment in St. Louis, is thoroughly familiar to the public.

Wear was carred before Judge Roderick E. Rombauer of the St. Louis Court of Appeals Monday afternoon on the application made by his attorneys, Martin & Bass, for a writ of habeas corpus. The return to the writ was made by the State through Assistant Attorney General Morton Jourdan, acquainted Judge Rombauer with the main facts in the case, whereupon he turned to Attorney Bass and told him rather sharply that in its present status the case had no standing in the Court of Appeals, and intimated that he was misled by the representations made to him by the prisoner's attorney Saturday afternoon, or he would not have touched the case.

Wear was then taken back to jail and conveyed to New Madrid County last night.

Judge David Murphy of the Court of Criminal Correction now takes a view of the case very different from that which he expressed with such vehement indignation Saturday, when his jurisdiction was questioned. Judge Murphy says that if the trial had developed the fact that Wear was being held under an indictment for murder he would have forthwith remanded the prisoner to jail because he has no jurisdiction in criminal cases. The Judge is, however, still very much outraged in feeling because of the action of Attorney-General Walker in applying to the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition, made returnable Jan. 7, and intimates a fixed determination not to appear before the Supreme Court on that date to answer, thereby running the risk of placing himself in contempt, which may result seriously to him.

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RAILROAD CHANGES.

Promotion of Messrs. Elliott and Ives and Consequent Shifting of Men.

D. O. Ives, general passenger and ticket agent of the Burlington system in Missouri, will succeed Mr. Howard Elliott as general freight agent of the Missouri system on January 1. Mr. Elliott is promoted to general manager of the Burlington's Missouri lines, succeeding Mr. W. F. Merrill as general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

Mr. Ives, the new general passenger agent of the Burlington's Missouri lines here, has lived in the West since 1879, and has been with the Burlington since '88.

Mr. L. W. Wakely succeeds Mr. Ives as general passenger agent. He has been connected with the Burlington for 16 years, and since 1887 has been assistant general passenger agent of the C., B. & Q. R. R., with headquarters at Chicago.

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